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Dedicated to

Colonel Karen Gutermuth

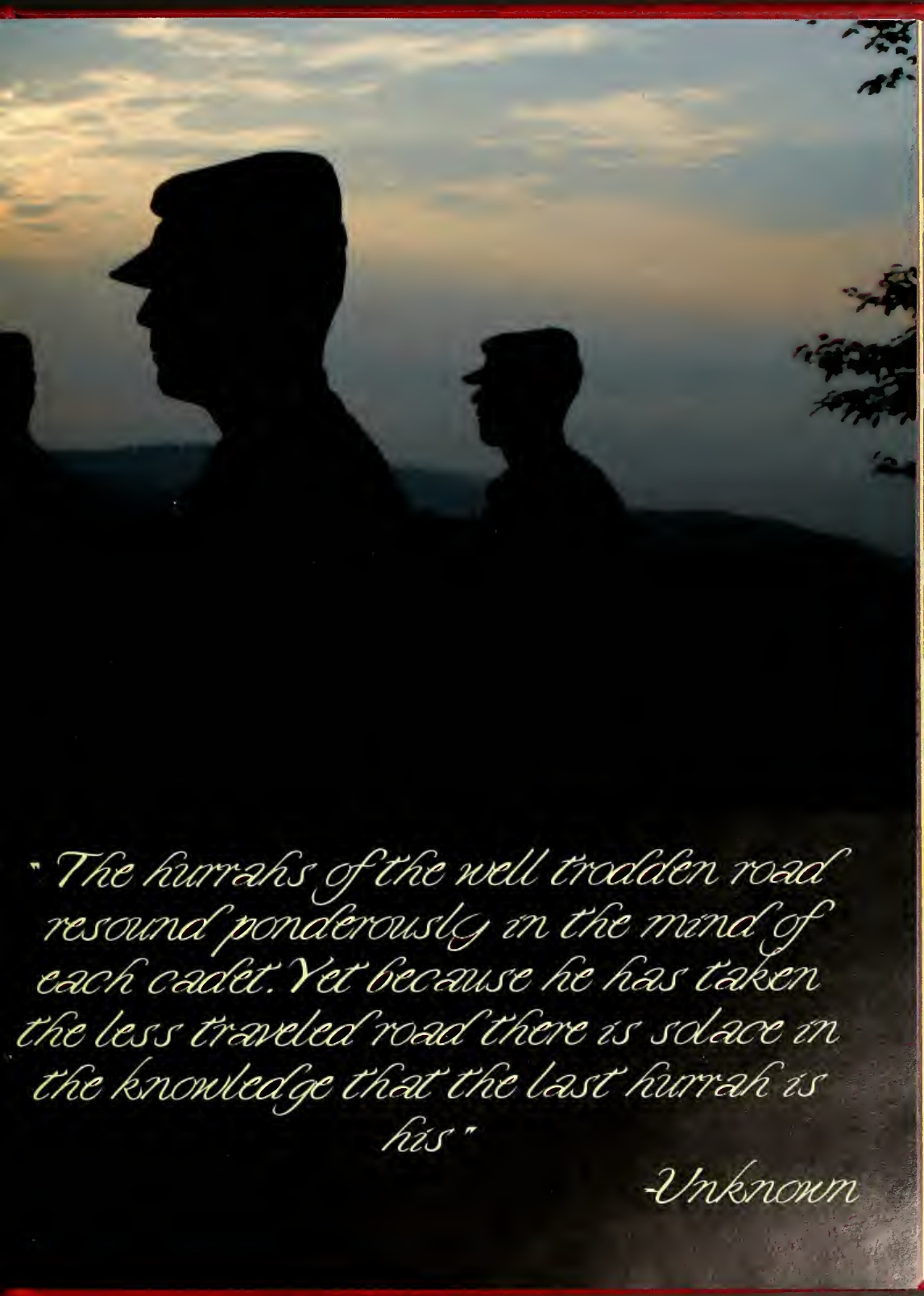
Colonel Karen Gutermuth you have touched many lives here at VMI. The VMI Bomb staff would like to formally dedicate The 2010 Bomb in your honor. We thank you greatly for your service to the Institute.





Born in Berlin, New York, Colonel Gutermuth was able to see Vermont, Massachusetts, and New York from her childhood home. After graduating from high school a year early at age 17 as valedictorian of her class she tried one semester of college at SUNY Albany. She then moved to Louisiana and began work in ultrasonography. As she did not want to pursue this career for her entire life, she enrolled at LSU in 1986 at the age of 28 and earned a Bachelor's of Science in Economics. She then earned her Ph.D. from LSU in 1996. If your not counting that is ten years from undergraduate English 101 to Dr. Gutermuth. After her journey from Vermont to Louisiana, Colonel Gutermuth ended up here at VMI. Not hearing of the Insitute before arriving, in August of 2000, she was in for an interesting experience. Now ten years later she says, "It's all about the cadets. It's what I live by. When everything seems ridiculous, a waste of time, or truly stressful, I always go back to this one thought. 'How will this affect cadets?' That's how I want to make decisions." Cadets has also made a notable impression on Colonel Gutermuth's view of college aged students.: "The only other thing I'd like to mention is how impressed I've been over the years by the integrity, maturity, and leadership of the cadets that VMI produces. I've had the privilege to work with the Honor Court for 8 years and believe it is the life-blood of VMI. Things evolve, change, stay the same at times, but the Honor System has always been, and I believe will always be, the most valuable education a VMI graduate gets."


Taking the Road
Less Traveled



"The hurrahs of the well trodden road resound ponderously in the mind of each cadet. Yet because he has taken the less traveled road there is solace in the knowledge that the last hurrah is his"

-Unknown

VMI

The Virginia Military Institute was founded in 1839 at the site of the Virginia State Arsenal. The first class to attend VMI contained only 25 students. The criteria to become a student at the Institute stated that you must live in Virginia and be a white male. Now over 170 years later







the Institute boasts over 1500 students from 46 states and 16 foreign countries. The corps has also diversified to include minorities and women into its ranks. Each cadet still enjoys the same rigorous ratline, with the same trials and tribulations which make them proud wear the VMI ring, and proud to earn the title of VMI Alumni

The facade of the Institute has changed many times since its founding in 1839. In June of 1864 General Hunter shelled barracks, it was rebuilt from 1866-1869. "New Barracks", which stands diagonally to the NW wing of "Old Barracks" was constructed from 1948-1949. "Third Barracks" was then constructed from 2006-2008 to allow room for a growing corps.









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VMI Parades

The Pride of the Institute









Taps

Cadet John A. Evans '13



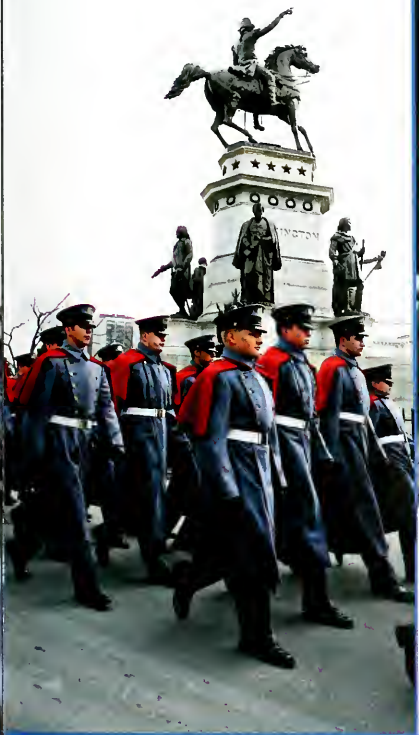
Cadet John Evans, was a student of history, arabic and military affairs here at VMI. As a rat he was an international studies major and wished to commission as a United States Marine. His reasons for wanting to become a Marine, he wanted to be where the action took place. As an avid patriot Evans' favorite movie was Patton, he also read about many military leaders, including "Stonewall" Jackson, during his time at VMI. He made an impact on all who knew him, especially his brother rats. John Evans, you will be missed by all on post here at VMI.

Chain of Command





Inauguration of Governor Robert McDonnell





Governor of Virginia



Governor
Tim Kaine

Jan. 2006-Dec. 2009

Became governor on January 14, 2006. He was the 70th Governor of Virginia. He received his undergraduates degree at the University of Missouri in 1979 and his law degree at Harvard in 1983.

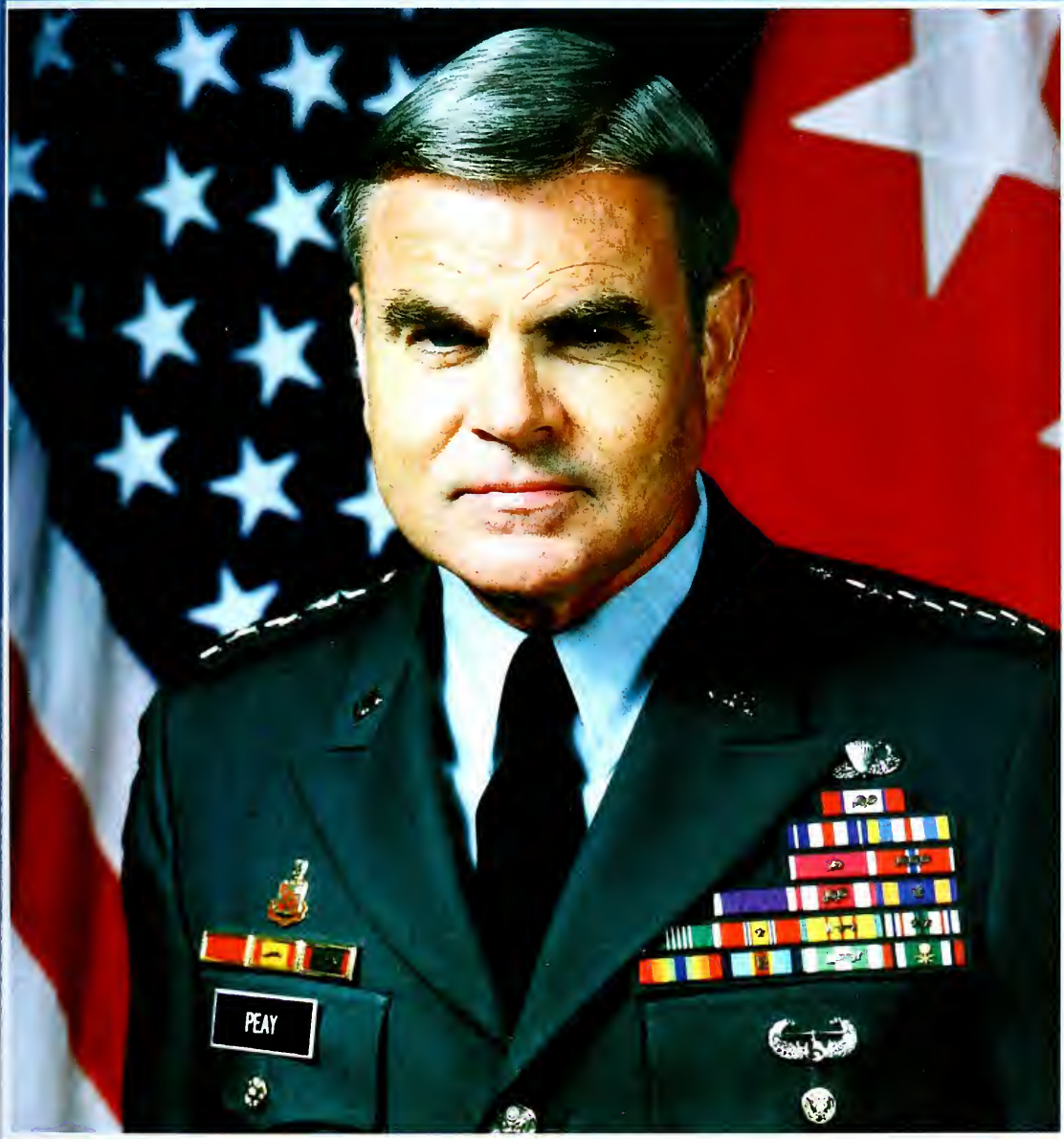
Governor
Bob McDonnell

Jan. 2010- Present

Became governor in January 14, 2010. He is the 71st Governor of Virginia. A former Lt. Colonel in the United States Army, he received his undergraduates degree and commission from the University of Notre Dame in 1976, and his law degree from Regent University School of Law in 1989.



Virginia Military Institutes' 14th Superintendent



General J.H. Binford Peay III '62

SUPERINTENDENT'S STAFF



COL JEFFERY CURTIS '79

Chief of Staff



BRIG GEN R. WANE SCHNEITER

Dean of the Faculty



LT COL MARTI BISSELL

Assistant Chief of Staff

COMMANDANT'S STAFF



LTC GARY LEVENSON '80



COL THOMAS TRUMPS '79

Commandant of Cadets



LTC ROY FUNKHOUSER '82



LTC MITCHELL FRIDLEY '89



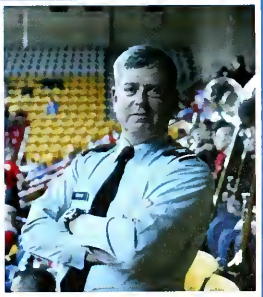
MAJ KEVIN FAUST '96



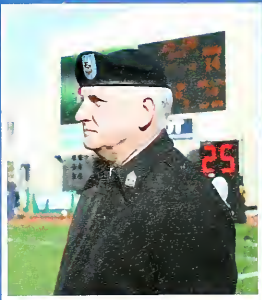
COL L.E. HURLBUT HBR '10



COL JAMES PARK



COL JOHN BRODIE HBR '92



SGM JOHN NEEL HBR '04

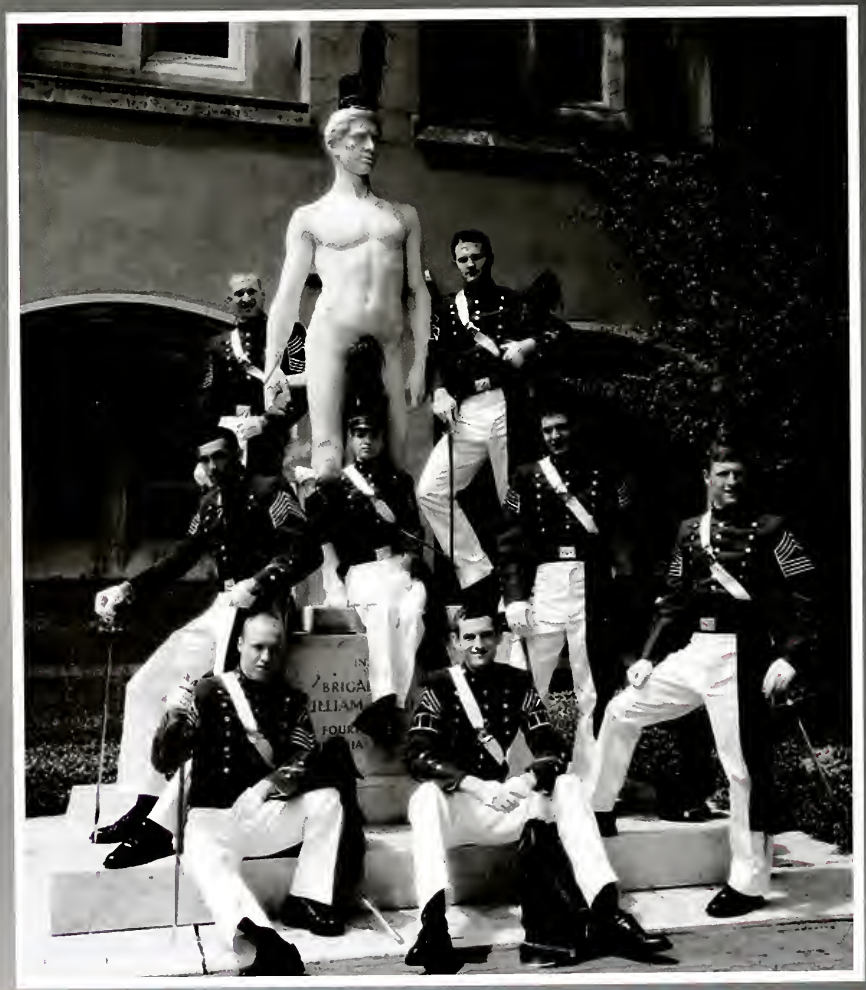


CAPT CHRIS PERRY '05



CAPT AMANDA MOORE '09

REGIMENTAL SYSTEM



REGIMENTAL COMMANDER





Corps,

Congratulations on another year finished. I want to thank you for giving me one of the most unique opportunities of my life. Being your First Captain this year was a challenging and humbling experience, but an absolute honor that will stay with me for the rest of my life. To have been charged with leading and setting the example for such a fine group of young men and women is a privilege that I will never take for granted. It is hard to understand the caliber of the people surrounding us while we are still cadets at the Institute. As I Prepare to leave, I look back and understand what a privilege it was to be surrounded by all of you here at VMI. It is the people at the Institute that make it great. The faculty, staff, and fellow cadets have given me some of my fondest memories and most important lessons learned. VMI is not a utopia and never will be. It is full of internal problems, which as cadets we should never cease to try and fix. Never the less, VMI is a beacon of hope that our generation is full of promise and will undoubtedly do great things. VMI is what you make it. I came here four years ago, not with the goal of being First Captain or even to hold rank, but rather to get the most out of every day and every opportunity. Motivation waned at times, but when I got out of bed and kept fighting despite the lack of sleep, exhaustion, and demanding schedule was when I developed the most. In hindsight I am thankful for every one of those moments VMI blessed me with. My hope is that you will get the most out of VMI. Take advantage of the opportunities to succeed and overcome the challenges that this Institute will place before you. When you put effort into this system you will develop here more than you ever imagined, often without even realizing it.

Best Wishes,
Karsten G. Bloomstrom
Regimental Commander
Cadet First Captain 2009-2010
"Honor God, Finish Well, Don't Quit"

REGIMENTAL STAFF



First Captain Karsten Bloomstrom
Regimental Commander



B Barker Squire
Executive Officer



Michael Kromm
S-1 Captain



Daniel Welsh
S-2 Captain



Paul Bowman
S-3 Captain



Jonathan Winoker
S-4 Captain



Elizabeth Dobbins
S-5 Captain



Timothy Howard
S-6 Captain



Even Rogers
S-7 Captain



Jonathan Fanelli
S-1 Lieutenant



Dominik Wermus
S-1 Lieutenant



Kelly Vickery
S-2 Lieutenant



K. Marshall Cox
S-3 Lieutenant



Alexander Houser
S-4 Lieutenant



Matthew Graham
S-5 Lieutenant



David Lottman
S-6 Lieutenant



Brian Bopp
S-7 Lieutenant



Richard Lynch
S-1 Sergeant



Chase Bailey
S-2 Sergeant



Vinh Do
S-3 Sergeant



Kobee Bumshire
S-4 Sergeant



Hunter Davis
S-5 Sergeant



Stephan Bohanan
S-6 Sergeant



Andrew Luxhoj
S-6 Sergeant



Terrance Bishop
S-7 Sergeant



Carolyn Kenaley
S-7 Sergeant



Tyler Seorest
S-7 Sergeant



Christopher Buck
Sergeant Major



Nicholas Chang
Color Sergeant



Matthew Covalt
Color Sergeant



Christopher Estrada
Color Sergeant

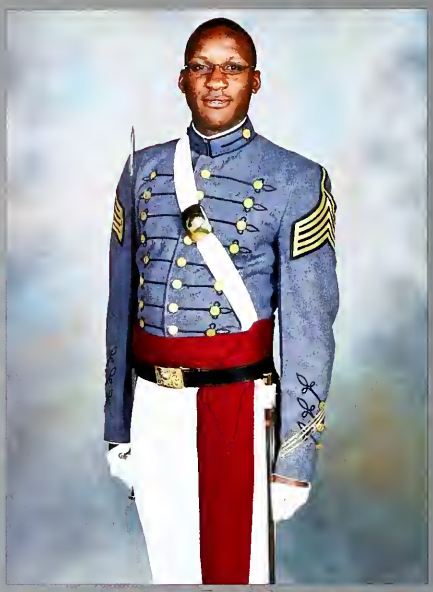


Dylan Krehr
Color Sergeant



Richard Lee
Color Sergeant

FIRST BATTALION



Captain Donte Brown
First Battalion Commander



Samuel Dobbins
Executive Officer



Paul Bailey
S-1 Lieutenant



Jacob Cox
S-2 Lieutenant



Arturo Harvey
S-3 Lieutenant



Virginia Taylor
S-4 Lieutenant



Bryan Cvengros
S-5 Lieutenant



Sean McCoy
S-6 Lieutenant



Berley Rister
S-7 Lieutenant






Matthew Lowe
S-1 Sergeant


James Stevenson
S-2 Sergeant


Elizabeth Carlos
S-3 Sergeant


John Rushton
S-4 Sergeant


Caleb Boyer
S-5 Sergeant


Justin Topping
S-6 Sergeant


Christopher Curtis
S-6 Sergeant


Jerry Hickey
S-7 Sergeant


Patrick Terhune
Sergeant Major


Heidi Beemer
Color Sergeant


Caleb Gibson
Color Sergeant


Thomas McDavid
Color Sergeant


Stephen Rhodes
Color Sergeant





HARDCORE ALPHA



Jonathan Shirkey
Company Commander



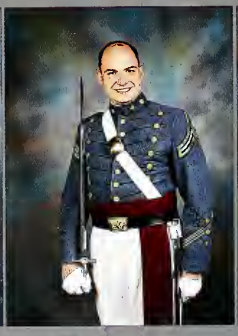
Carter Kunz
Executive Officer



Zach Williams
First Platoon Lieutenant



Davis Garrett
Second Platoon Lieutenant



Charles Range
Third Platoon Lieutenant



Michael Zelna
Fourth Platoon Lieutenant



Wes Whitcomb
Guideon



Alexander Herzog
First Sergeant



Curtis Register
Operations Sergeant



Joshua Bookwalter
Master Sergeant



Christopher Kenney
First Platoon Sergeant

FIRST CLASS PRIVATES



2010

AguirreEJ
AlbaradoLrC.M
BennettCM
BrantHillLH
CrandallWr
CoxTH
DaddyJdJV
DanielsA
DuffyCD
EdwardsJL
FairlloydL
GarnettDR
GrossmA
HomellyCL
HummondV
JohnsonMC
JoseyCS
KnightCL
KrugerSA
KunzCL
LomackMM
MartheyJS
MartinezCM
NicholsCX
NwakanmC
PenguCA
RobertsonCW
SagarMH
ShirleyJT
WhitecotWD
WilliamsCL
WilliamsIZ
ZahraME

2011

BaezAM
BlackAJ
EnterlinginKM
FrankwitterJC
HoffmanJT
FuelKS
GhishmiT
HavesCM
HolleyJE
GibbonsCE
GingrichEJ
GlassonBL
GreenCN
GriffithCA
HarbisonJK
HendleyH
HuntlessZW
HuntsingerH
HuseSW
KreselMA
KumeyCR
LebanikMT
MasonMR
NobleRM
O'TeamCR
O'SullivanT
PaarSP
ParkWE
PenningtonCF
PrzybylC
RechmonBP
RingstaffCC
RobbinsIS
RodgersH
SmithBG
SowellBR
StumpJC
TomlinME
WilliamsKN

2012

BaezAM
BeyerZD
BurrKL
ChristensMA
CrandallCL
DaddyM
FairchildM
FlemK
FrenchK
HaleyCW
FultonSG
GarnockM
HansonKM
HillJLM
HowardA
JohnsonR
KemberlinT
LunaJR
LynnFT
MacIntyreJS
MartinCR
MassiccioW
MurphyM
MurrayCT
PayneM
RayM
RutledgeJ
SchneebergerJL
SpanklMA
StockstillG
SwansonE
UmbachTJ
WebbDA
WellingtonM
WoodJW

2013

AshworthC
BakerP
BradbrookME
BrownBenj
ChaconMB
ChapmanJ
CollinsE
DavisCA
EllisJC
GarrettH
HaleyR
HallJR
HoffmanCE
HowellJ
JohnsonMC
LeeCM
MooreSE
MyrickLeonJL
NicholsonT
PenleyCA
SchlowskyMR
StrattT
StrickbineD
TaylorJL
TownsendJ
WilliamsCM
WilsonJT
WrightCP
WrightJL
YoungCV
ZehnderJT
ZeiltonM
ZinyketT
ZoellnerBurgCT
BennettE
BrownJE
CallenMS
ThomasTG
TimpsonWC
WilsonJL
WrightJL







BALL BUSTIN'



Alex Beckstrand
Company Commander



Peter Karonis
Executive Officer



Thomas Bond
First Platoon Lieutenant



Christopher Zaryski
Second Platoon Lieutenant



Hunter Cantrell
Third Platoon Lieutenant



T. Nelson Page
Fourth Platoon Lieutenant



Brandon Stratz
Guideon



David Gerardo
First Sergeant



Patrick Winkler
Operations Sergeant



Nicholas Engle
Master Sergeant

No Photo Available

Patrick Crandall
First Platoon Sergeant

FIRST CLASS PRIVATES



2010

Alex Fankhanel
Andy Hubbard
Austin Lee
Brandon Strotz
Chris Dimmert
Chris Mundlin
Chris Zinyki
Chyrin Mullins
Dana Hlavaty
David Messina
David Mike
Hogun Mazzaglia
Eddie Nash
Emerson Sutherland
Hunter Cottrell
Jacob Weimer
Jared Harden
John Wanker
Jonathon Wright
Jordan Brilliant
Josh Hill
Logun Swanson
Michael Hutchings
Michael Sandbank
Mitchell Funk
Owen Tallman
Peter Kanonik
Richard Gaka
Robert Hinkle
Seth Whitten
Taylor Fadley
Thomas Hupp
TJ Lamb
Zach Gillies

2011

Adam Kaufman
Angelo Mermigis
Brandon Jones
Charles Gerkin
David Gagnon
Emin Muzaffarov
Jared Hannigan
James Hartzell
Jeremy Chilton
Jordan Cox
Julian Ivans
Mark Scott
Matthew Jones
Mickey Harris
Nicholas Engle
Nicholas Ingalls
Patrick Crandall
Patrick Winkler
ryan bynon
Taylor Gridley
Todd Kilbourne
WW Cunningham
Warner Thompson
William Walker
Zachary Pittard
Adam Wood
Jeffrey Yates
Joseph Zuchman
Henry Zuchman
Ernest Johnson

2012

Aaron Trunk
Alex Fankhanel
Andrew Szymborski
Brennan Hall
Chris Gerkin
Christian Hodge
Colin Ross
David Simonard
Eric Mitchell
Ethan Potts
Ryan Sliwa
James Hamilton
Jarrod Dahl
Jeremy Nelson
Josh Cox
Joshua Sneed
Kyle Gordon
Mark Schumacher
Mitch Cook
Mitchell Hemphill
Nathan Hicks
Nolan Hogan
Robert C Wallace
Robert Haberle
Ryan Thomas
Santiago Manuel Velarde
Silvio Medina
Stack Myers
Stephen Magaw
Stephen Newsome

2013

John Brooks
Sam Hinze
Sammy Mowbray
Caleb Cobb
Cody Hall
Carlos Chaves
Chandler Dees
Christian Cruz
Christian Wooten
Cody Yates
Dominic Lamont
Doug Hunter
Dylan Thomas
Franklin Gladstone
Jim Cook
Jared Caswell
Jason Rooker
Jason Thorpe
Johnny Lo
Johnny Graham
Jon Lackey
Josh Clements
Justin Smith
Justin Lowe
Kaleb Cramer
Kayla Ulmer
Kenneth Williams
Kenton Hall
Kyle Bane
Kyle Farmer
Lawrence McKee
Michael Knight
Mitchell Hamm
Nikolas Richardson
Patrick Simon
Peyton Broadwell
Ryan Kilfoil
Scott Sears
Ronald Hilley
Samuel Washington
Sean McCauley
Seth Hogan
Taylor Robertson
Weston Lemke
Trent Moore
William Causey
William Hulbert







COLDSTEEL CHAIRLIE



Mitchell Gardner
Company Commander



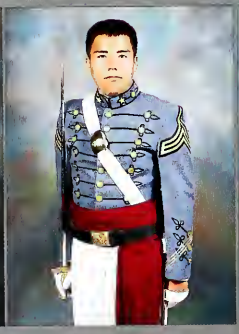
Jacob Robertson
Executive Officer



Jacob Moore
First Platoon Lieutenant



Levi Swindell
Second Platoon Lieutenant



Jorge Tellez
Third Platoon Lieutenant



William Quarles
Fourth Platoon Lieutenant

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Steven Kerr
Guideon



John Sturgill
First Sergeant



Steven Henry
Operations Sergeant



Kai Ingram
Master Sergeant



Ching-Hang Chen
First Platoon Sergeant

FIRST CLASS PRIVATES



2010

Adam Bonce
Adam Taylor
Andrew Miller
Anton Skelly
Atanas Toff
Austin Hunt
Bill Fellhoelter
Brian Connolly
Christian Williams
Daniel Padgett
Gaston Clary
Jared Moore
Jacob Stevenson
John Monroe
John Shadron
Jorge Tellez
Matthew Underwood
Levi Swindell
Lincoln Spitthauser
Miles Tinsley
Neal Anderson
Neil Weber
Nicholas Bertha
Paul DeWolf
Randy Phillips
Ryan Hall
Sean Kennedy
Stephen Curry
Steven Kerr
Timothy Moore
William Swindle
William Landon
William Llewellin

2011

Alexander Cassidy
Angus Bruce
Austin Kates
Daniel Hanna
Dayton Cameron
Dimitrios Stuhl
Gheng-Hong Chan
Joshua Johnston
Kevin Mayfield
Jarrod Cloud
Kim Mosmeier
Kyle Stacy
Lee Stroud
Kristopher
Kristy Wood
Marquis Jones
Matthew Long
Michael Hunn
Patrick Loggins
Ralph Parker
Trent Clark
Robert Wren
Shane Ellsworth
Steven Henry
Taurence Green
Thomas Gwynett
Travis Arnold
Zachary Mayes

2012

Alan Kerr
Benjamin Fowler
Benjamin Powell
Benjamin Smith
Bradley Blankenship
Charles Black
Daniel Dandridge
Daniel Hope
Edwin Barrows
Eric Ross
Fred Rains
John Alexander
Josh Riddle
Kyle Tuck
Matthew Ford
Maxwell Tate
Michael Devlin
Michael Mayo
Nathan Barnes
Paul Donaldson
Ryan Rodgers
Scott Jones
Sean Fields
Shane Tate
Spencer Worden
Timothy Lemon
Tyler Griffith
Vincent Lynch
Vincent Sisk

2013

Alex Kuykendall
Alexander Bacon
Andrew Lee
Andrew Montague
Andrew Wood
Bailey Campbell
Brandon Hicks
Brandon Mayes
Dustin Claytor
Jarrod Ingram
Jesse Pritchard
Kevin Tilton
Tyler Jordan
Dylan Mullins
Evan Mitchell
Ian Cook
Jacob Mahone
Jake Cole
Jason Smith
Joe Simmons
Jonathan Dye
Kyle Mitchell
Mary Mackinnon
Matthew Lee
Matthew Rose
Michael Hicks
Michael Smith
Michael Tate
Michael Tyree
Mitchell Bell
Nathan Hensley
Nathan Sims
Robert Hensley
Robert Pennington
Robert Wade
Tyler Hudson
Alex Bell
Spencer Hicks
Thomas Hudson
Thomas Skinner
Timothy Gish
Tyler Donnelly







MAD DOG DELTA



Robert Stockman
Company Commander



Shawn Fox
Executive Officer



Julie Markow
First Platoon Lieutenant

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Andrew Faulconer
Second Platoon Lieutenant



Andrew Fleenor
Third Platoon Lieutenant

Photo Not Available

Tanner Sewell
Fourth Platoon Lieutenant



John Duffy
Guidon



David Martin
First Sergeant



Hisham Yousif
Operations Sergeant



John Held
Master Sergeant

Photo Not Available

Robert Harris
First Platoon Sergeant

FIRST CLASS PRIVATES



2010

Zachary Pickett
Ryan Glover
John Price
Grady Gillum
Shawn Fox
David Grey
Tanner Sewell
Edward Dalton
Robert Morris
John Duffy
Jarrett Cartwright
Seth Vazquez
Trenton Eaton
Linas Lang
Jonathan Endt
Travis Edwards
Bryant Houghland
Mikyle Nikonchuk
Hunter Thompson
Justin Minick
Matt Wright
Andrew Pashinos
Clint Coats
Mac Markow
Timothy Mayorga
Chase Lin
Andrew Pickens
Scott Mackenzie
Robert Stutzman
Richard Hoak
Greg Rossmore
Chad Coker
Peter Hess
Nate Sutton
Justin McKnight

2011

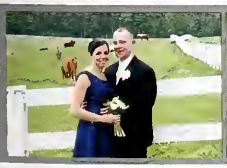
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Zach Jones
Hayes Hankemeyer
Matthew Talbert
Casey Wood
Daniel Perez
Thomas Gaines
Christopher Pace
Richard Hoak
Robert Vittes
Peyton Cash
Shaun Tierney
Richard Grasso
Kevin Scandale
Ben Hoak
Michael Jones Wiles
Gabriel Hale
Patrick Campbell
Carter Langton
Morgan Howe
Nate Sammon
Christopher Howes
Tyler Peachy
Daniel Morgan

2012

Yolanda Hernandez
Kenneth Simmons
Nathan Eads
Tyler Grissom
Christopher Ross
Brandon Hodges
Grant Hughes
Greg Wilkes
Kevin Brown
Mekyle Newman
Joey Hare
Joel Hatcher
Jose Grandville
Ky Lassiter
Patrick Sanvic
Jeremy Hinnefeld
Nick Hollinger
Payton Irby
Dalton Jobe
Zachary Whitaker
Ross Stolz
Rudy McMinn
Joshua Thacker
Jimmie Cox
Jacob Dalton
Barrett Stelter
Dalton Smith
Brandon Nelson
Stephen Bussells

2013

Donald Dunn
Justin Lewis
Michael Kruse
Wendell Edmunds
Samuel Nelson
Christopher Ross
Ronald Mullins
Alexander Hays
Evan Cummings
Eric Ellis
Michael Sanders
Tim Jones
Hunter Kane
Lucas Curry
Sid Johnson
Graham Sylvester
Wilmer Shaw
Kaleb Scott
Jason Snell
Robert Hopkins
Brandon Nguyen
Zeke Lovell
Tyler Watson
Jake Te Stroete
Brayden Wyckoff
William Cotton
Robert Richmond
Seth Thomas
Luke Hicks
Joshua Jones
Joe Mullins
Tyler Phillips
Andrew Edwards
Ethan Bowen
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Tristan Van Hoey
Jacob
Jonas Sanders







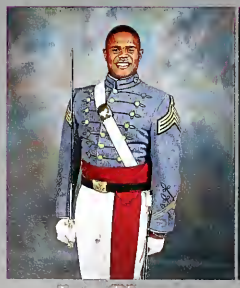




SECOND BATTALION



William Shannon
Second Battalion Commander



Jason Morgan
Executive Officer



Andrew Baity
S-1 Lieutenant



Ericsson Davis
S-2 Lieutenant



John Keilty
S-3 Lieutenant



Shawn Wongkochonkitti
S-4 Lieutenant



Rory Alfree
S-5 Lieutenant



J. Lee Hafkemeyer
S-6 Lieutenant



Daniel Strausbaugh
S-7 Lieutenant






Michael Girardi
S-1 Sergeant


Quinn Wicks
S-2 Sergeant


Alexander Ray
S-3 Sergeant


Daniel Williams
S-4 Sergeant


Heather Schmidt
S-5 Sergeant


Anna DeFrank
S-6 Sergeant


Zachary Henke
S-6 Sergeant


Henry Baker
S-7 Sergeant


Kara Noble
S-7 Sergeant


Justin Ausborn
Sergeant Major


Sukhyun Baik
Color Sergeant


Danielle Dove
Color Sergeant


Zachariah Kier
Color Sergeant


Foster McFather
Color Sergeant





TIGER ECHO



Evan Farley
Company Commander



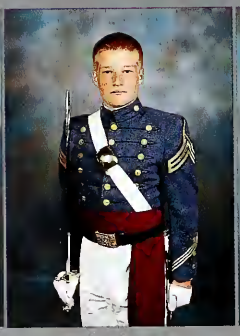
Raymond Kirchner
Executive Officer



Daniel Frederick
First Platoon Lieutenant



Earl Ayo-ay
Second Platoon Lieutenant



Connor Ross
Third Platoon Lieutenant



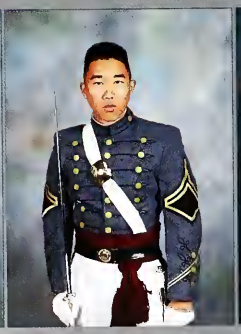
Jefferey Cooper
Fourth Platoon Lieutenant



Adam Aikens
Guideon



Kenneth Sadler
First Sergeant



Samuel Kang
Operations Sergeant



James Hafner
Master Sergeant



Eric Tyson
First Platoon Sergeant

FIRST CLASS PRIVATES



2010

HuffmanMS
AikersVS
MilgramCE
AyscueEJ
BaldwinS
BastamoteHR
CardenasA
CooperA
CromwellKA
DalbeyCM
FarleyEA
FarrellS
FrederickK
GomezA
HomeleK
KirchnerKA
LindleySA
LongMA
MaxwellD
MillgramLM
McferrinH
PhilettiAJ
PlunkettMJ
ReedCJ
StatonK
WildT

2011

AdamsJA
CloyhoudT
CoxJT
CrutchfieldC
DemuthCM
FoddH
HallsTW
GaynorCJ
GrandonMA
GyamfuaaC
HatherN
HunterMW
JonesKE
JurkowitschW
KongSS
KittrellJ
MartinF
NguyenCM
PazaraMA
RandellM
SadlerK
SeaperottoAM
SmithEB
StrattonDJ
TriscottWH
TurnellaC
TysonES
VannoyB
YeartI

2012

AdamsK
BrockleyHT
BryantJ
CamCB
CloughS
CrutchfieldF
GholsonL
GolvinT
GrossK
JonesAM
LaVALLEST
LowghMJ
MasseranoCJ
MayerMG
HoltonKS
HudsonK
HutchensJE
IvyJM
JonesWA
KendallK
LuckhardT
MorganCT
MorrisonME
SossouAA
StraboMR
SurganovichCS
ToddLJ
VenissatCW
WaldmanCR
WeeleCG
WigginsJ
WhiteMJ
YoungE

2013

AkersJE
AndrianiMR
AndrusJM
AveryK
BakerWC
BannisterAJ
BlackburnTT
CadwalladerM
ChamberlainD
ElkinsEJES
ChoiJ
DrewerEAM
DunleyTC
EckhoffMJ
EldredgeMK
EllisPCS
GilleyMK
GilbreathK
HawleyA
HowellM
HoverterJonC
HuffmanCP
HughesSK
HurleyHF
JonesET
JohnsonMC
KellermanEJ
LamoMC
KingslerCL
LoweMW
LinT
MontressorHighmNV
MoodyBK
MooreMA
MudrickJ
NelsonCA
OlsenCM
OsemwegieR
PhillipsMC
RollinsCS
SchmidtchenJL
SeeligJL
ShanahanJC
SingletonWG
SouthmWI
SweeneyJR
ThomasSE
WaldenJL
WilsonK
WinnieE
WoodJK
YoungEO








F-TROOP



Joshua Dixon
Company Commander



R. Clinton Raine
Executive Officer



Jonathan Buckland
First Platoon Lieutenant



Jonathan Price
Second Platoon Lieutenant



Carter Brown
Third Platoon Lieutenant



Joshua Hughes
Fourth Platoon Lieutenant



Silas Belt
Guideon



Ethan Price
First Sergeant



Joseph Cicero
Operations Sergeant



Michael Frossard
Master Sergeant



Min-Han Hsieh
First Platoon Sergeant

FIRST CLASS PRIVATES



2010

Howard Augustus
Silas Bell
Carter Brown
Jonathon Caddland
Michael Capriglione
George DeGennaro
Joshua Dean
Kenneth Green
Joshua Hughes
Kyle Hughus
Jared Hutchins
Anthony Korfely
Lowell Matsuura
Daniel Nunez-Jek
Jonathon Price
Randolph Raine
Matthew Scalley
Raymond Sturgeon
Joshua Toomey
Alexander Wade

2011

Addison Gratton
Sidney Albert
Ryan Allen
Burton Bechelli
Brian Blanco
James Brotwright
Joseph Claus
Jared Claus
Josh Cobb
Robert Davis
John Folger
Christopher Forbes
Michael Frassanito
Hamish Grainger
Shad Gray
Bruce Hazelgrove
Min-Hun Hsieh
Dennis James
Joshua Jeffcoat
Christopher John
Stephanie Johnson
Chaz Jones
Samuel King
Samuel Landry
Chad Lawson
Jeremy Lussier
Sean McAbee
Zipporah McCann
Curtis Moore
Christopher Moser
Douglas Nesmith
Luis Nogal
Matthew Nimmo
Ethan Price
Adam Ralston
Brian Skiff
Joshua Stanton
Frank Tonelli
Kyle Valente
Joshua Wise
Eric Witty
Kurt Zimmerman

2012

Christopher Aitken
John Alderting
Colin Antonacci
Jimmie Berry
Jeremy Brown
Cindy Chung
Edward Colgin
Glenn Copenhaver
Michael Fruehl
Harrison Gary
Richard Griffith
James Hunday
Kyle Hostetter
Tommee Hoover
Mark Hunteen
John Khandanfarooni
Yakov Kushnir
Arthur Lichtsinn
Justin McCarthy
Richard Nocerino
Joseph Nicol
Kyle Reese
Stephen Schorge
Sean Skinner
Shaun Surek
Ryan Sykora
Zohar Shinoda
Tyler Snow
Andrew Stirling
Kirby Tenney
Donald Vader
John Watts

2013

Nicholas Baum
James Bynum
Keith Campion
Mason Conway
James Crohn
Kevin Curran
Max Curry
Justin Dalton
Kurt Dreiker
Christopher Drake
Anthony Fratus
Jamie Frederick
Nathan Gibbs
Joshua Gilliland
John Goode
Kasey Hall
Thaddeus Harrison
Molly Hastings
Nathan Howard
Jonathan Jackson
David Kellam
Kevin Kyle
Patrick Lust
Bryan Mones
Kevin McMasters
Jackson Montgomery
John Norman
Andrew Nolen
Anna Marie Nguthi
Jackie Ince
Dylan Rivers
Matthew Rogan
John Rohl
Justin Shelly
Jason Stull
William Snaden
Joseph Stokes
Noam Tsafati
David Wommer
Benjamin Wottaberg
Ryan Wheeler
Tyler Wingo
Adam Wood
Jeffrey Yoder
Joseph Zanella
Henry Zuckmon
Christopher Zyla








BLOOD-N-GUTS GOLF



Robert McMullen
Company Commander



David Lochart
Executive Officer



James Kerr
First Platoon Lieutenant



Danh Nguyen
Second Platoon Lieutenant



Michael Louthan
Third Platoon Lieutenant



Leonard Weschler
Fourth Platoon Lieutenant



Charles Crowder
Guideon



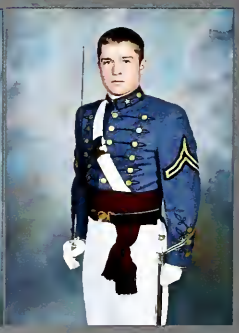
Spitmon Pumphrey
First Sergeant



Clarke Mongret
Operations Sergeant



Noah Gibson
Master Sergeant



Luke Leichty
First Platoon Sergeant

FIRST CLASS PRIVATES



2010

drew Adams
nathan Bisulca
in Brinkman
on Burns
mon Chapman
nolas Crowder
m Curtis
nathan Fonelli
drew Horgan
mes Kerr
tt Leonard
vid Lockart
ichael Louthan
bert McMullen
drew Morse
tthew Musick
ter Noff
sé Newman
nh Nguyen
in Ong
vid Roberts
Matt Rodriguez
Matt Satterwhite
Matthew Sinkez
David Staab
Kristopher Ware
Nicholas Washour
Leonard Weschler

2011

Benjamin Ashcraft
Andrew Barker
Austin Brenda
Joshua Bryan
Christopher Coshen
Aaron Castro
Matthew Deaton
Jon Devine
Steven Dike
Matthew Flora
Joshua Gelser
Noah Gibson
James Gordon
Arthur Gross
Justin Hickman
Cameron Jones
Luke Leichty
Hun-Xin Li
Daniel Mahaffey
Nicholas McFarland
Daniel Michnewich
Travis Miller
Clarke Morgret
Chris Newcomb
Spikman Pumphrey
Robert Schaefer
Amir Shkaira
Andrew Smith
Robert Strakalis
Matthew Thomas
Leo Walker
Shane Wilkinson
Lansing Wilson
Robert Wray
Nathaniel Zand

2012

Douglas Alvey
Sean Ayres
William Baber
Andrew Bost
Raymond Delgado
Gabriel Dongieux
Tracey Fisher
Bruce Howard
Min Jung
Christopher Kitchen
Daniel Knick
Stephen Lussier
Adam Looney
Chance McConnell
Curtin McKee
Daniel Moerder
Kelly Morrison
Joseph Munro
Sean O'Kagon
Bradley Parker
Curtis Rathbone
Robert Rice
Kyle Richardson
James River
Tyler Schenkel
Angelo Smith
Jacob Thorp
Walter Vanamon
Stewart Williamson

2013

Jonathan Booth
Blake Bryant
Samuel Cain
Keslie Cannon
Katherine Collier
Eric Conn
Benjamin Cox
Robert Daniels
Dustin Deck
Kenneth Dickerson
Evan Ell
Thomas Dunville
Evan Frankowski
Nathaniel Grant
Bryce Gorman
Brian Graham
James Hollander
Mike Horvat
Austin Hernandez
Scott Holder
Hunter Holthaus
Smith Hunziker
Russell Johnson
Christopher Kelly
Timothy Kendzia
Kirk Lambert
Craig Long
Clay Lewin
Jeremy Mathews
Adam Morgan
Brent Mingard
Hallo Parker
Robert Pyle
Denver Reed
Glendon Robertson
David Rodkey
Hunt Salgado
Michael Scarbrough
Keith Scarbrough
Christopher Schmeltz
Levi Schubel
Rayne Seward
Jeffrey Sexton
Charles Shutt
Brad Stallings
Jordan Sturin
Clayton Strong
Frederick Villotte
Richard Williams
Thomas Wins
James Yoas
Roland Zerb







HARDCHARGIN HOTEL



Gerald Popko
Company Commander



Jason Barnes
Executive Officer



Joseph Simmers
First Platoon Lieutenant



Keyan Wang
Second Platoon Lieutenant



Yu-Wei Chang
Third Platoon Lieutenant



Ahad Ahmed
Fourth Platoon Lieutenant



Andrew Compton
Guideon



Coleman Zwanzig
First Sergeant



Keith O'Donnell
Operations Sergeant



Lane Pratt
Master Sergeant



Richard Steinhood
First Platoon Sergeant

FIRST CLASS PRIVATES



2010

Ahmed AF
Allen ML
Barnes JT
Blagini TB
Blank IM
Bronitt RG
Brigham ES
Burton EC
Cortez KG
Chung Y
Compton AE
Cook JA
Czuprynski CJ
Devenno KA
Feiff JE
Ferrell JT
Guthrie TJ
Knapp EC
Krohling JK
Kukat JK
Mordoy DL
Neumann EK
Nowicki DW
Orndorff WK
Pintek JT
Poole CB
Shelton KC
Simmons JM
Stark SA
Traves TT
Vaughn MW
Wang K
Wyllys PJ

2011

Bondhus KS
Bortus NL
Becker AC
Blue MA
Brust TJ
Calvin E
Church EL
Colon GA
Cutler KW
Davis TJ
Gouddie KG
Gordon TA
Hairston TM
Hill LW
Hindley KS
Martin HL
Hugo ZH
Jarrett MH
Manning JC
McIntyre GL
Milligan CL
Schimmoll KW
Pratt LG
Redmond TL
Reaston LG
Santos JC
Sargent SA
Schirm TA
Steinhoff RP
Sullivan GP
Sweeney PS
Symone AW
Thompson WT
Waldrop WS
Woods TK
Zwonitzer CA
Cullyan JC

2012

Adams CS
Bailey RN
Bark HJ
Burks RA
Bustin JE
Caldwell JC
Dawson J
Dawnde EZ
Ellis MS
Fraser EC
Haralson JL
Healy CN
Hodges CL
Jackman W
Jameson GT
Lewis JA
Long KW
Lopez AA
Marston MK
McCarron GM
Meek CA
Mosley D
Palmer MD
Parkson LL
Pugh WK
Rivera KL
Wagner MT
Whiting WS
Young CV
Clynes DK
Turner KM
King R
Riggs CJ
Healy CN

2013

Augustine AJ
Aulbach JJ
Bullock W
Cain SL
Chester JC
Cowart JL
Curtis ES
Dremroff JE
Gannett JM
Gibson JM
Gregg KM
Grant AR
Hagner CE
Heade AJ
Hobbs EG
Hull JM
Hooks CJ
Hinstroom SF
Irvine FE
Lawrence JP
Mallet MW
Marion ND
McCusker KL
McGinn IL
Meade NI
Mills TM
Ndonga AC
Patrick AC
Peters JL
Pascal RC
Reiber WC
Rios EJ
Richardson CA
Sain M
Sorensen IC
Sykes KG
Taylor JJ
Woolley MK
Wood EJ
Wulken HJ
Wurst EM







BLOODTHIRSTY BAND



David Phillips
Company Commander



Caleb Dixon
Executive Officer



Jared Starin
First Platoon Lieutenant



Robert Allen
Second Platoon Lieutenant



Matthew Mawyer
Third Platoon Lieutenant



Erik Blum
Fourth Platoon Lieutenant



Patrick Wentzel
Guideon



Daniel Concepcion
First Sergeant



Joshua Kinder
Operations Sergeant



Kyle Drumheller
Master Sergeant



Alexander Crow
First Platoon Sergeant

FIRST CLASS PRIVATES



2010

John Allen
Matt Bennett
Eric Baker
Erik Hunt
Al Horwitz
Luke Ingram
Sean Jackson
Stephen Conley
Scott Kuhl
Colin Olson
James Griffith
Michael Hutson
Sarah Hutson
Chris Hartmann
Jared Lawson
Chris Lewis
Chris Martin
Matt Mowyer
Mitch Mussida
Kyle Newcomb
David Nilles
Eddie Pressler
Edmund Preisser
Jared Starin
Justin Tench
Richard Tompkins
Derrick Warfield
Nick Young

2011

Brad Arthur
Brent Boyle
Matt Bohn
Chris Biggs
James Bott
Ashley Cannon
Jerry Cole
Robert Eide
Danny Constantino
Adam Craggs
Mike Crowe
Ryan Dryden
John Dyson
Kyle Fairfield
Jarrod Emery
Kyle Glomb
Peter Griffin
Tom Hanlin
Cory Hindley
Andrew Hiter
Robert Hickey
Matt Kirk
Andy Lister
Josh Kinch
James Lockett
Taylor Mayberry
Alex McCown
Taylor McDonald
Casey McElligott
Ross Perry
Mike Powell
Scott Purcell
Garrett Reeves
Nadav Schumacher
Colin Scott
Kenny Tighe
Jon Tweedy
Matt Wilson
Chase Whitsell

2012

Joe Caswell
Brandon Cutler
Trevor Childers
Abigail Conley
Fred Dabney
Matt Dillon
Matt Faggert
Josiah Fleetman
Jarrod Gromko
Tim Gregory
Greg Hellwig
Moses Hicks
Hugh Hobart
Justin Hogan
Steven Hong
Jack Jones
Logan Jones
Lee Min Kim
Tyler Mason
Chris Newsom
Brandon Orr
Andrew Parker
Ryan Schedel
Dylan Schmidt
Jeff Shirp
Will Smith
George Stargel
Josh Vaccaro
Sam White
Andrew Wine
Jacob Zwicker

2013

Alex Adkins
Will Alewine
Will Austin
Will Bacci
Mitch Banning
Tom Blevins
Kari Christensen
Sam Conde
Tom Craig
Kenneth Cummings
Tyler Davis
Kyle Decker
Steve Dettmar
Tim Brown
Tim Freeman
Kyle Gill
Jordan Glenn
Josh Haley
Joe Hamilton
Zach Hamlett
Steven Hartnett
Mike Hirsch
Dan Hyde
Kent Jaw
Josh Kantor
Joseph Kaufmann
Josh Lapper
Tanner Lee
Sam McKeithen
David Martin
Tom McElwee
Ken McSchlibb
James Povrik
Shawn Riley
Leland Robinson
Seth Rose
Chris Ryan
Noel Schaub
Christian Scott
Matt Sewell
Cal Shinn
Jason Smith
Stephen Stith
Daniel Wang
Eric Wine
Will Wise







Edmund Preisser
Drum Major



Jared Starin
Pipe Drum Major



Sarah Halnon
Pipe Major





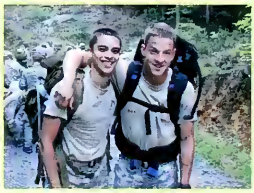
Cadet Government

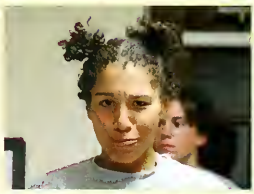
Cadet Life begins when cadets enter the unique environment that VMI provides. A facet of Cadet life is the cadet government which is separate from the regimental system. It is comprised of the General Committee, Executive Committee, Rat Disciplinary Committee, Officer of the Guard Association and the Cadet Equity Association. The cadet government is concerned with the standards of the corps, discipline and the class system. The class system is an integral part of cadets' lives in barracks and ensures that cadets earn their place in the corps. The various sub committees of the GC are solely for the purpose of holding the corps to the highest of standards when it come to respect, civility and citizenship. The final apsect of cadet life is are the day to day happenings inside and oustide of barracks, it is that which makes VMI unique.



















Honor Court



Front Row: Rory Alfree (V.P. For Defense), Will Shannon (Vice President), John Curtis (Vice President for Education), Weston Whitcomb (President), Richard Hozik (Prosecutor), Ottie Allgood (Prosecutor), William Feldmann (Prosecutor)

Back Row (Assistant Prosecutors) : Sharif Gray, Joshua Brookwalter, Richard Steinhoff, Christopher Gingrich, Ethan Price.

Publilius Syrus once said, "What is left when honor is lost? Stop and think about this statement for a moment. As people, we are ultimately known by what we do and say. It does not matter how much money one has, the size of a house, the speed of one's car, or an individual's popularity within society. These ambitions in the grand scheme of things are fleeting. A fortune can be won and lost several times throughout a lifetime, not so with our character. Our honor, once forsaken, is forever stained. Being an honest man or woman of your word takes grit, determination, and courage. Choosing to do the honorable thing is a continuous climb up the mountain of life. We experience the sheer cliffs of responsibility, the crags of laziness and the slippery slopes of half- truths. At both VMI and in life, our route is precarious and precise; the slightest misstep can lead to our doom. There are no second chances or saved in progress settings- it's all or nothing. We must climb carefully and ensure that we place ourselves on the sure footing of integrity. The climb of the honorable life is downright painful and exhausting; however, it is also the most rewarding experience a person can endure because we are climbing towards a better vista. Through perseverance, you can reach the summit where respect, wisdom, and true friendships await. Doing the right and honest thing may not be the easiest action in the present, but I can guarantee you that it will be worth the all the trials in the end. Corps, make Honor a lifestyle and you will have an adventure that no amount of possessions, fame, or temporary personal gain can equal. The answer to Publius's question is blunt – nothing is left when honor is lost. However, though we came into this world with nothing, we can leave this world with something: the comfort and satisfaction in knowing that our lives of honor are examples that future generations will look to and strive to emulate. Death before Dishonor!






General Committee



Front Row: Bryant Youngblood (Vice President), Sloan Burns (President), Eddie Desch (Historian)

Back Row: Jon Twigg ('11), John Manning ('11), Lane Pratt ('11), Miles Treacy (Secretary), Joe Munno ('12), Dan Fiasconaro ('12), Patrick Jackman ('12)

The General Committee is of, by, and for the Corps. It is designed to maintain the standards of the corps inside and outside of barracks. It enforces the system of class privileges and ensures that actions by individuals in the Corps do not fall below the standards and traditions of VMI. Actions which bring discredit upon the Corps must be answered to the General Committee. The General Committee is composed of the nine class officers, a secretary, and the First Class President presides over the committee. When necessary the GC is used as the jury in Executive Hearings.






Officer of the Guard Association



Front Row: Matt Wright (Defense Counsel), Matt Sinkez (Vice President), Colin Walker(President), Nick Wieshaar (Secretary), Josh McPherson(Defense Counsel).

Back Row: Matt Rodriguez, Ryan Crean, Jon Ferro , Racheal Toman, Scott MacDonald, Ryan Stull, Logan Swanson, Bob Fendley, Eric Brigham (Not Pictured).

The Officer of the Guard Association is a subcommittee of the GC made up of 14 first class privates. The OGA severs as an investigative branch of the GC and investigates mattes such as misconduct, rat line offenses, alcohol abuse, and any conduct deemed necessary by the commandant or the GC. It is also the voice for the privates within the corps to the commandant. Basically the OGA is in place to represent the average cadet while upholding and enforcing the standards within the corps.









Cadet Equity Association



Front Row: James Lockett, Allen McCown, Heidi Beemer

Middle Row: Hugo Bustamante (President),
Julie Markow (Vice President for Training and Operations)

Back Row: Lance Long, Michael Purpura, Erik Blum, Paul DeValk,
Ian Black, Conrad Knight, Mike Louthan, Kaine Toomey, Chris Dommert

The Cadet Equity Association is composed of thirteen first class members, as well as three second classman, and one third classman. VMI is composed of cadets from 16 countries, 46 different states and females, which require a professional set of standards and behavior. Therefore, the purpose of the CEA is to provide education on equity to the Corps of Cadets, and to monitor a post-wide climate of respect and equitable treatment for cadets.






Cadet Counseling Services



Front Row: Jacob Cox(CIC), Kelly Vickery, Rob Allen (ACIC)

Back Row: Josh Splinter, Paul Wojtas, Justin Tench, Ronnie Ellsworth, Chris Martin

Not Pictured: Fredy Jurkowitsch, Hope Hackemeyer

The purpose of Cadet Counseling Services is to provide peer education and awareness to the corps. We educate the corps on issues such as sexual assualt, hygene, alcohol awareness, provide emotional support, tobacco awareness and stress relief . By providing these services, CCS has become an advocate for every cadet to succeeed in their own person lives. Good Luck to all graduating first class cadets, we wish you well in your journey through your chosen careers!






Rat Disciplinary Comittee



Front Row: Mr. Fields, Mr. Wilkinson, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Williams

Middle Row: Mr. Rowcliffe (Operations Officer), Mr. Piribek (Secretary), Mr. Hutchings (President), Mr. Padgett (Vice President), Mr. Perestock (Operations Officer)

Back Row: Mr. Chapman, Mr. Green, Mr. Mendillo, Mr. Aikens, Mr. Lund, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Hennelly, Mr. Landt, Mr. Cate, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Czupryna, Mr. Allen, Mr. Duffy, Mr. Horgan, Ms. Pastor, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Travis, Mr. Maier, Mr. Krahling, Mr. Nikmard, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Melton, Mr. Ferrell, Mr. Horne, Mr. Kerr, Mr. Fiasconaro, Mr. Ware.

Never have I been so certain that the RDC's reputation would live on long after we're gone. Never have I been so privileged and emotionally charged then when I swore you in, and watched you strap on that RDC belt for the first time. Never have I wished more than anything, that I could put on that belt just one more time, just to work with you one last time. Never go a day without thinking you can't ask me for anything. The beating heart of the Corps isn't in the parades, it isn't in the football game or the basketball game, and it sure as hell isn't in the hop or class party. The heart and soul of the Corps is the Ratline. No one can move the Corps like us. We are the Ratline. We are the RDC.

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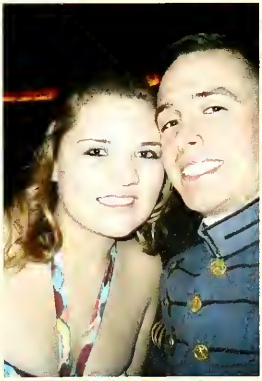







MID WINTER FORMAL
















Study Abroad













Veterans



Class of 2010

Brother Rats,
we began our journey together August 19, 2006 at Matriculation. Little did we know what we were getting into and what we would become. Now the journey ends, heavily anticipated by most, but we will never forget the road we travelled together. We've made it all together with each others help and encouragement. Certainly we have all gone through hard times throughout the past four years and it is because of these hard time and the freinds that helped us through them that we will never forget one another. I must congratulate all of you, for not only meeting the bar set by our dykes class the Class of 2007, but raising it for our rats. Our legacy is one completely unique and it is for this that we will be remembered as the Great Class of 2010. Now as we leave the road less travelled, I hope we all take the road untravelled. We are the future of this wonderful country and we will pave our own way. Not through our words, but through our actions, the legacy of the Class of 2010 will resonate and live on forever. Our paths will lead us around the world, but one day they will all lead back here. Until that time I wish you fortitude, successes, and happiness in life, whatever it may be!

-Sloan C. Burns
2010 Class President





First Class General Committee

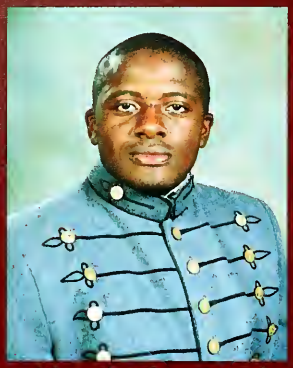
President : Sloan Burns

Vice President: Bryant Youngblood

Historian: Eddie Desch

GC Secretary: Miles Treacy

Class of 2010



Howard A. Abezeah
Beltsville, Maryland



"Howie"

Biology

NCAA Football 4,3,2,1

Dyke: Chijioke Ezekwe '07
Rats: Taj Harris, George Mizi



Andrew A. Adams
Edison, New Jersey

The best way to not get bored is to break rules as blatantly as possible. I never really tried at anything here. I probably don't deserve a degree, but I will take one. You are a tool if you wrote something sincere here. Oh yeah Justin and Doug you guys are family. Justin, you're like my mom. Doug, you are like a step child that I don't love.



"Beans"

International Studies

Army

Rat Challenge 3,2,1

Dyke: Tony Mattia '07
Rats: Robert Senn



Evan J. Aguirre
Lewis, California

You know when you walk down a long hallway, you see someone you sort of know, but you don't know if you should say hi, so you both end up silently walking by each other with your heads down; that happened way too much here. Thank you to my Dykes for being my dykes and playing rugby. Thank you to Coach Howe for letting me stick around for four years, even if it was just to drive the vans. I'm glad I had great roommates for these four years: Charlie, Charles, Jeff, Josh and even Matt. This place is full of a lot of different types and I'm glad I found the group of friends I did. Lewis chill out. Ellen learn to be quiet in the mornings. Thank you Mom and Dad for flying out to see me each year, and to my girlfriend who would fly out every week if she could. It has sucked here but looking back it has been fun and in some ways I am sorry it is ending. In closing I just want to ask: Carroll what does that say?



"Evan"

History

Army

Rugby 4,3,2,1

Dyke: Tyler Russell '07
Rats: Ryan Ellen, Michael Lewis

Class of 2010



"Eddie"

History and Arabic

Army

Semper Fi Society 4,3,2,1; Model Arab League 2,1; Prelaw Society 1

Dyke: Dana Daly '07

"VMI is a good place to be from, but not a good place to be at" This quote describes adequately how I feel about VMI. These last four years have been good and bad. One good thing about VMI was my Brother Rats who I have encountered along the way. I will never forget my Brother Rats who have been there for me thick and thin. You guys are the Fu Fest! Also, Hotel Company is the best Company ever. This place has, also, made me a better person in some ways and a worse person. Everything in this world happens for a good reason, it is destiny we are here. Life at VMI sucks, but it is the "suck" that attracted us here in the first place. "VMI is the good, the bad and the ugly" I want to thank every one who helped me along the way. Major Faust who stopped me from quitting, Col. McCloskey who help me in academics, Col. Barnett who is awesome cyborg professor, Maj. Liberio for motivating me, Gunnery Sergeant Driver who never gave up on me and Capt. Craig for guiding me in my darkest hours. Thank you to every one else who I have not mentioned above. You will always have a place in my heart.



Ahad F. Ahmed

Houston, Texas



"Animal" "Corporal"

History

Marine Corps

Echo Company 4,3,2,1; Corporal 3; Rat Challenge 2; Sergeant 2; RDC 1

Dyke: Stefan Dietrich '07
Kats: Alex C. Havermale, Chace A. Nelson

I come to VMI thinking I was going to be among a noble caliber; resembling its history; a class of morals, respect, ethics, self discipline, courtesy, cleanliness, and reverence. However, I was deceived and let down at the low caliber of the majority of those I would reluctantly call my brother rats.

T: the contemptible: Y'allre undeserving of our class' ring and diploma and are the rust that taints this glorious place and everything it stands for ; I'm ashamed and embarrassed to have you in my class.

T: the worthy: y'all are my brother rats as long as I live. I'm humbled to be in your presence and reassured in my confidence of our nation's future. When I look at my ring and see "Mizpah", it's you I think of and remember. Y'all are why I'm proud to wear my ring and say "I graduated from there".

T: VMI: You're everything and nothing I expected; gratification and disappointment. You are the epitome of a military institute; I love you and hate you. You mean well with what you teach but don't get on it; Ductus Exemplo.



Adam S. Aikens

Glen Allen, Virginia

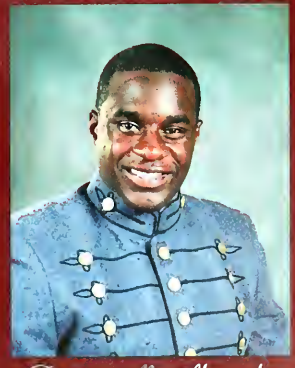


"Miso"

Economics and Business

NCAA Football 4,3,2,1

Dyke: Keashawn Artis '07
Kats: Charles Jones, Justin Smith



Damiso M. Alexander

Glen Allen, Virginia

Class of 2010



Rory P. Alfree
Wilmington, Delaware

To my Rats: "You may be whatever you resolve to be" or rather "VMI will be whatever you make it to be." VMI will get you down at times, but it is how you decide to deal with it, that decides how fast your next three years will go. To my roommates: It has been a great four years. All four of you are the brothers I never had. Our pointless jokes and constant degradation of each other made this place all the more bearable. It is honor to have roomed with you, and I will never forget the strong bond that we have formed over these past four years. To Erin, Kelly, and my grandparents: Your countless cards and numerous care packages are the little things that made a big difference. Your constant love and support made those difficult days all the more bearable. And most importantly, Mom and Dad: You are the people who taught me never to give up, push myself beyond my limit, and never accept anything less than my dreams. As I walk across that stage, not only is it my achievement, it is yours as well. My strength confides in you. God's speed Brother Rats!



"The Sherminator"

Civil and Environmental Engineering

Navy

Honor Court 1; Swimming 2; Rat Challenge 3, 1; S-5 1

Dyke: Devin Keam '07
Rats: Stephen Horstmann, Harry Zechman



Robert L. Allen III
Boulder, Colorado

When I came here, I wanted to leave as an officer in the Air Force with a degree in International Studies and minor in Arabic. Instead, I'm going to be an officer in the Navy with a degree in Electrical Engineering. What was I thinking? Every day is opposite day at VMI in a sick kind of way, and taught me that pleas change and hard work pays off. Fear is powerful motivator, but passion is the most effective. Trusting in God has gotten me through the worst weeks of my life, and I thank God for the love of my parents. I will miss my roommates and I'll never forget my commitment to each other. I will not miss the stubborn contradiction of VMI, but I still hope that someone finds a way to preserve what little is left of this precious, fleeting subculture. Despite its shortcomings, VMI remains one of the few relics from a society of virtue and must not be eroded by the tide of timid souls.



Electrical and Computer Engineering

Navy

VMI Commanders 4,3,2,1; Institute Brass 4,3,2; CCS 2,1; IEEE 4,3,2,1; VMI Buglers 3,2,1

Dyke: Tim Fairchild '06
Rats: Woody Skudin, Renton Rice



Matthew L. Allen
Manakin-Sabot, Virginia

I've always wanted to be a VMI cadet ever since I can remember. I was indoctrinated from a young age by my late father whom was a 1971 graduate of the Institute. For some unexplainable reason I've felt that it was part of my destiny to graduate from this sacred institution. During my 4 years at VMI I have worked hard to live by the high standard of past graduates of this great school. I've learned that VMI is what you make of it. If you take advantage of all opportunities and embrace each aspect, however hard it may seem, you will learn a great deal and will develop the necessary tools to be successful in any profession you choose. It is those that don't embrace the system and slide by for four years that find themselves wondering why they haven't developed the tools to be successful. For those individuals I have no sympathy. In closing, I would like to wish all of the rats of the great room of 155 the best of luck. To my legacies, Lucas and John continue to live by the high standards of your Dyke and Grand-Dykes and you too will enjoy the riches.



"4-Star Keydet"

Economics and Business

RDC 1; Cadet Investment Group 3,2,1; CIL 3; Color SGT 2; Club Basketball 4; Club Flag Football 1; Sigma Beta Delta

Dyke: Peter Duvigneaud '07
Rats: John Holt, Lucas Moffet

Class of 2010



"Zoloft Ball" "Mac"

Chemistry

Honor Court 2,1; NCAA Wrestling 4,3; Club Wrestling 1; Academic Mentor 3,2

Dyke: Greyson Ernst '07
Rats: Drayton Bird, Daniel Rogerson

We came here with different expectations, goals, and ideas of what VMI was. We all had different ideas of what we were going to do. Most of our expectations were probably wrong. It is easy to point out all the pitfalls we see with VMI, but we should also point out the great things of our school. I did not expect to form such close friendships with cadets and faculty. I did not expect to have a chance to find what true service is by serving on the Honor Court. I did not expect to find God in such a way that the foundation of my life is forever changed. I did not expect VMI to reveal to me all of the great things in my life that I could not imagine living without. It is because of you and VMI that my life has forever changed for the better. Thank you to all those who have heard my troubles, prayed with me, supported me through the valleys and praised God with me at the peaks. I love you all.



Ollie E. Allgood Jr.
Glen Allen, Virginia



"Popeye" "Pendo"

International Studies

Staff/Color Guard 3,2; Newman Club 4,3,2,1

Dyke: Ahmed Sofy El-Din '07
Rat: Matt Dudek

"32.) Confusing this place with home every once in awhile brings you ever closer to wanting to kill yourself. The reason that there is a number 32 in front of that quote is because it is a part of a list that I've been keeping since I was a Rat. This "List" basically consists of witty/zany one-liners that are more of a satire of this place than a compliment. This quote appeared after a professor confused home with VMI one time; naturally, we thought it was blasphemy, but then again... I have another quote that says, "Your home is where your heart is, and at one time our hearts beat is on here", and as much as most of us hate to admit this, VMI has been our home for four years. We think this place is horrible, and to a certain extent, we're right, but we never take into account the memories we've had, or the good friendships that we've made. It is those things that have made VMI a home for me and it is with that knowledge that I leave one of the best homes I've ever lived in.



Earl J. Arja-ay
Stone Mountain, Georgia



"Cock-of-Bab"

Psychology

Ice Hockey 4, 3

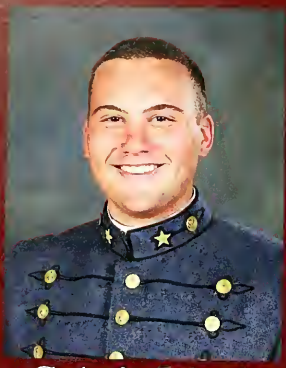
Dyke: Ryan Ernst '07
Rats: John Hampton

From rat year's trip to Colorado, hockey weekends, to the hours of pt's marched, it has been an up and down four years. I know that it's good that I am not Pinocchio, or else Bowman would be considered a beaver, it's inadvisable to run across the courtyard with beer, and going off-roading in institute vans is not wise. We have learned a lot, and there is more fun to be had when the rules are broken, at least the better the stories are better after you get off confinement. I wish my rat well over his cadetship and that he makes smarter decisions than his dykes have. Either way you will come out with many stories.



Matthew S. Babcock
Endicott, New York

Class of 2010



Paul S. Bailey Jr.
Mobile, Alabama

Well, I would like to say I've lived the dream, but I still wake up in the morning thinking, "what if I attended the University of Alabama?" I could have gone home on weekends, had easy academics, wild parties, and maybe even a girlfriend! But, I chose on my own free will along with encouragement from my BR Fletcher Thompson to attend VMI. He is partially to blame for this, but I'm glad I made the decision to attend a school that Playboy ranked last in the world for fun. I won't miss the VMI life, but I will miss my friends, especially Jason Moryan. My relationship with Jason is like the relationship Andy and Red had in the Shawshank Redemption, our inside jokes and frequent pranks have made "doing time" easier. I would like to thank my parents: To my dad, who has always been there for me, thank you. I will continue to make you proud. To my mom who always encouraged me, you were the one who gave me the confidence to succeed. I had never left home before, now according to my BR Levi, I've become global.



"Paul"

Arabic and International Studies

S-4 1.

Dyke: Ryan Young '07
Rats: John Covert



Andrew W. Baity
Forest, Virginia

When asked to compose my senior narrative I wasn't sure what to write. My feelings towards VMI remain largely mixed. I can however, with unwavering certainty, claim it has been a challenge. To a great extent VMI has been an exercise in futility. To my family...you pulled me through. Thank you for seeing through my complaints and offering a reassuring reminder of what lay ahead. To my rats... Notice Austin...you both have the resolve to be great cadets. Keep your sense of humor intact and take everything with a grain of salt. And to Kathleen...it is hard to imagine the last several years without you. For the patience you instilled and for the sanity you helped me retain...I am...eternally grateful. It has been a rollercoaster over four years and I am thankful to finally switch rides.



"Baity"

International Studies

Marine Corps

S-4 1; Cadre 2; S-7 3; King Figure Committee 2; SWIM 4 3; Triathlon Club 1; Rallybag 3

Dyke: Greg Barnekoff '07
Rats: Nathan Beck, Austin DeMoss



Chad A. Baker
Downey, California

Through the past four years I have learned many things from VMI. I honestly would not have made it through this place without my Brother Rats, roommates, friends, and family. As much as I complain about how much this place was so miserable I look back at all the good times, the late nights studying, and the inside jokes. To my rats: remember what I have taught you. Keep your eyes and ears open and take whatever this place gives you. Learn as much as you can from this place, it will not only teach you about your specific major, but about life too. It may be miserable now but in the end it was worth every second.



"Baker"

Mechanical Engineering

Dyke: Stefan Dietrich '07
Rats: Andrew Eckroade, Ross Piccinini

Class of 2010



"Baker"

Civil and Environmental Engineering

Dyke: Neil Sutliff '07
Rats: Tyler Klausmeier, Patrick Sexton

Howdy! Peace with you, or something like it. Tired writing this. . . usually tired at VMI, but less so later in my cadetship. Get sleep if your still here and take a day off for rest every week. Don't move too first all the time, or you will forget why you were moving so fast. There is a time and season for things (including sleep, breaking rules, keeping rules, eating, not eating). It's a matter of asking for help to not just know when to do the right thing, but for help to actually do them. When you are broken, be broken, Someone will help if you show your brokenness. Look for Help.



Robert E. Baker
Virginia Beach, Virginia



"JB" "Nugget"

Economics and Business

Baseball 4,3,2,1.

Dyke: Robert Crumpler '07
Rats: Miles McQuaig, Erickson Keaton

After these first four years, I owe many thanks to my family and friends who have supported me and helped me stay focused. First of all, to mom and dad, what can I say, you both are always behind me in everything I do and your unwavering support during the first four years has helped me through. I cannot thank you'll enough for what you do for me and for that I consider myself very lucky to have parents such as you both behind me. To my friends who have remained in contact and offered support to keep me going, thank you. Of course, my BaseCdays for life! It has not only been fun, but a privilege to go through the good times and bad while getting to know one another over the years, and I thank you for the memories. Most of all, I want to thank you Crump for helping me through some of the toughest times I have ever faced. Not only did you help me, but you became a great friend, mentor, and an older brother I never had. As pop would say, "It was real, it was good, but it won't real good!"



Jordan W. Ballard
Charlottesville, Virginia



"Barney"

Mechanical Engineering

Cadre 3,2,1

Dyke: Ben Safrit '07
Rats: Charles Curtis

It has been an honor and a privilege to get to know you these past few years. VMI's not always treated us fairly, it's not always done us well, but there is one thing I can say it's done, it's given us a group of friends that we can rely on no matter what. I guess that's what makes me proud to have come from this place. I look forward to seeing you in the future and wish you the best of luck.Hotel Rats: Remember what you were taught and take pride in everything you do. When you face troubles, remember your BRs are always by your side, and together, you can overcome anything. You're part of a good dyke line; it has its blemishes, but it's one you'll be proud to entrust to your rats. Do great things and continue our legacy. Charles: It's been an honor to be your dyke. You have many challenges ahead of you, but I know you're capable of handling them. Keep in mind, the steepest mountains have the hardest climbs, but the view from the top is always the best. Stay low and keep those feet moving. Dad & Mom: If it weren't for you, I wouldn't have survived VMI. I can never express how fortunate I am to have parents like you. I've truly been blessed beyond what I deserve.



Jason T. Barnes
Glen Allen, Virginia

Class of 2010



Charles M. Barnett
Roanoke, Virginia

"Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail." –Ralph Waldo Emerson



"Chuck"

Chemistry

Swim team 4,3,2,1; Outdoor club 2; CEA 2

Dyke: Brad Beckner '07
Rats: Nate Gibbs, Matt Gallaway



Logan H. Barnhill
Cincinnati, Ohio

Somebody once said that you meet the best and worst people at VMI……unfortunately, I lived with the latter. There was never a dull moment in our room and it's been compared to a Wild West Saloon and Manhattan at 3 AM. But I would'nt trade any of you….except maybe Kenny. But honestly, you guys were always there to kick me while I was down and always quick with an insult. Although I had the highest GPA in the room you were all able to, somehow, teach me something. Silas, you taught me that "the eye flick" will awaken a person passed out from drinking too much Beam. Cappy, you've taught me that lips come in all size. Kenny, you taught me that there is always time to squeeze in a quick power nap, and that dog tags should be worn at ALL times. Mike Lund, after living with you, I've learned that not all Marines want to kill baby seals. Finally, I must give a shout-out to my first roommates, George Degenmaier, and Ray Starsman. You were both great roommates, and were the clowns of the 237 circus. I wish you all the best and don't forget……Yaaarrrrrrrrrr my BEST friends!



"Cheese"

International Studies and Arabic

Army

Rat Challenge 4,3,2,1; Rescue Squad 4,3; ERT 3,2,1

Dyke: Josh Copes '07
Rats: Rhett Scarborough, Shawn Rabitt



Christine M. Beach
Las Vegas, Nevada

Six months prior to matriculation, VMI was not a place that I had ever heard of; however, it has become a place I know I will never forget. As much as I at times thought I would love to replace memories of room inspections, freezing temperatures, and 7 AM march downs with those of sleeping in, drunken nights and skipping class, I remember that I was fortunate enough to have the unique experience that only a handful of people get. The four years of my life that I dedicated to sticking this place out like taught me more than most learn in a lifetime. I want to thank Audrey, Kat, Asia, Chandale and Shawn; the people who stood by me day by day to help me get through this place; I love all of you dearly and would not be here without you. Although the four short years that felt like a lifetime are over, the experiences I had and the memories I was lucky enough to make will live with me forever.



"Chrissy"

Psychology

Women's Soccer 4,3,2,1

Dyke: Jennifer Farkas '07
Rats: Simone Jimenez, Lindsay Carty

Class of 2010



"Becky"

History

Marine Corps

Cadre 3,2,1; Library Assistant 3,2,1

Dyke: Gregory Kosh '07
Rats: Kyle Farmer, Nathan Howard

"I once was lost but now am found." The words of that inspirational hymn will forever ring the truth of my life. The dark, deserted, and decrepit path I misguidedly followed before I came to the Institute will remain a memory of the past, for VMI has done much more than provide me with basic skills for being successful in a complex world. Mother "I" has forever changed my life. She is not perfect, and some aspects of her are, to be frank, despicable. Yet her ideals represent a last bastion of all that remains good, right, and just in this world; for this she cannot be faulted. To my BRs: I have met the closest friends I will ever have. I will never forget you; I wish you the best. Thank you. To my Rats: The Institute has done so much for you as well; be grateful. You were great Rats; you will be great men. Thank you. Though I was apart from God, He brought me to VMI. In the end, the Institute was used for the greatest purpose of all: to bring me back to Him. Mother "I": I am forever indebted.



Alex J. Beckshand
Walworth, Wisconsin



"Silo" "Tank"

History

Rat Challenge 2,1; FTroop 4,3,2,1

Dyke: Mike Cornell '07
Rats: John Williamson, Ben Nefosky

Don't really know what to say. It's been a trip. Between Mavin Green's coma, Logan Barnhill's "the one that got away", Copy's giant lips, and Mike Lamb's Semper Finess...it's been a wild ride, I sure couldn't have done it without you guys... and all the other guys along the way, you know who you are. To my family, it's been different. It was definitely not what I expected it to be but nothing ever is and I think that is what VMI teaches you. Regardless, you sure were there for me when I needed you. To Tanner; sorry I missed all the so Friday night games but I was always thinking about you. As for the 15#...and Kenny, who by the way is an E-5 in the Army and an infantry officer...you guys will always have a special place in my heart. I am proud to say you are my brothers and you guys will all grow to do great things...except you Kenny. To the rats, I am proud of all you guys, hang in there and don't be like your dykes...in particularly Kenny. Do your best and when times get you down...get some booze.



Silas A. Bell II
Clarksburg, West Virginia



"Biagini"

Psychology

Baseball 4,3,2,1

Dyke: Corey Bachman '07
Rats: Ombri Rivers

It has been a long four years here at VMI. Without my faith and the people that Christ has put in my life I would not have been able to make it through a place like this. I want to thank my mother, thank you for supporting all of my dreams and goals in life, you are more than a son could ever ask for. Thanks to the rest of my family for their support and believing in me all these years. Each if I would have had anybody else for a dyke I probably would have quit, thanks for understanding and helping me out. Ashley you have only seen me here for a year, but thank you for being so supportive. Dylan and JT, not roommates but brothers, ya'll are the best roommates I could have asked for and now life long friends. Nug, 2 or 4, bash bro, corner guys, keeping hitting for the hills. Base Co. is a second family to me, I would do anything for anyone one of ya'll. Ombri you have been great, you keep working hard and you will succeed here.



Tanner B. Biagini
Greenville, North Carolina

Class of 2010



David B. Bice Jr.
Lynchburg, Virginia

Wow these four years have flown by. It feels like just yesterday I was showing up to VMI to start this journey. I have greatly enjoyed my experience while at VMI and I account that to the people that are around me every day. I do not think I could have made it to this point this out my brother rats being there for me. I also need to thank my family. Thank you, Mom and Dad for always being there for me. Thank you for always being willing to come bring me anything I ever needed or to go out of your way to stop in Lexington just to see me. Thank you for coming to almost every home football game to see me, to tailgate, and to take me out to dinner. Thank you coming up for every special event and dad thank you for taking all of the pictures that you would take. Lara, thank you for being so understand for the past two plus years. I know that sometimes it was hard, but thank you being there for me whenever I needed you and allowing me to go when I had work. Thank you so much for just being you.



"Bice"

Mechanical Engineering

Wrestling 4; Triathlon Club 3; Rugby 3; Cycling Club 3,2 Soccer Club 1; Academic Mentor 3,2,1

Dyke: Adam Reed '07
Rats: Paul Scarcella, Collin Harkrader



Jonathan C. Bisulca
Fairfax, Virginia

When I think about graduation, I cannot believe my four years at VMI are over. The days were painfully long, but the weeks were fast. I remember my first day here, but everything since was a grueling blur. Although I couldn't leave my mind faster, I'll miss all the good friends and unforgettable memories that I made. Satterwhite, Rodriguez, and Weschler, I couldn't have had better roommates. From the fifth step to the first step we shared many good times together. I will miss being with you guys every day. To my Civil Engineering buddies, no one warned us about what we got ourselves into. Staying up all night, only to get half our homework done is demoralizing, but you kept me going. To John, Rusty, and the rest of 11th rats, work hard and sleep as much as possible, and faster than you know you will be graduating. To dad and mom, I wouldn't be graduating without your support. You're many trips to take me home, tuition payments, and care packages were invaluable. To VMI, you made me appreciate the good things in life, and as a wise man said "Despite the cost of living, it's still quite popular"

2010

"Biscula"

Civil and Environmental Engineering

Marine Corps

Color 3,2

Dyke: Bryan Stange '07
Rats: John Dommert, Russell Johnson



Ian M. Black
Stafford, Virginia

Has it been four years already? Where has the time gone? It seems just like yesterday we were standing in front of our parents, in Cameron Hall, on Matriculation Day not knowing what lie ahead of us. Now we are all moving on and leaving VMI as graduates. I would like to thank everyone who helped me along the way, especially my family. Mom, Dad, Nicole, Omni, Pops, Suzy, and Parker, thank you for always being there for me, through the rough times and goods times. Hotel Charging Hotel, the Pride of the Corps...What can I say? It has been great! I am going to miss you guys. We stuck together and made it; from the Ratline to crashing parties at Washington and Lee and those last minute dashes back to the barracks barely making Taps. I wouldn't trade those days for anything. Thanks Hotel Company! I love you all! Of course, I cannot forget about my Rats. Thank you for helping me out this year and congratulations on breakout and completing your first year at VMI. Before you know it you are going to be in my shoes, wondering where the years have gone. Jones, good luck to you! Stay on top of your studies and always know you are never alone, VMI takes care of its own!



"Black"

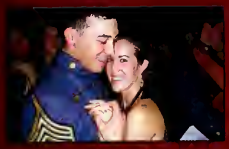
Psychology

Air Force

Wrecking Crew 2,1; Club Basketball 3,2,1; CEA 1

Dyke: Rob Thompson '07
Rats: James Avery

Class of 2010



"Bloom"

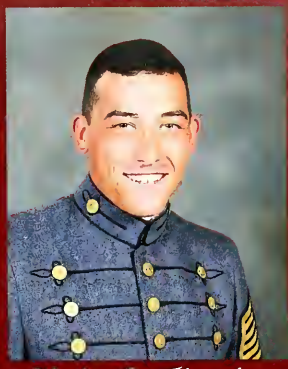
Biology

Air Force

Cadre 3,2,1; Triathlon Team 4,3,2,1; Marathon Team 4,3,2

Dyke: Mike Lloyd '07
Rats: Fred Stallings, Jordan Starin

"We rejoice in our sufferings for we know suffering produces perseverance, perseverance character, and character hope. And this hope does not disappoint." The past four years have forced all of us to persevere more than we could have imagined, but thank God we didn't have to do it alone. To my family, thank you for your support. Mom, your prayers and encouragement have meant more to me than you will ever know. Dad, you have been my constant role model, and the man I aspire to be. Thank you for always believing in me. To my roommates, Bernie n Brothers, and the other True believers, you all have become as close to me as family and that will endure long after the many things else I've done here. Thank you. Brother Rats, "is virtus sheary ensiron" wet a whole regiment of children each that to live up to our true calling and fullest potential. I hope this never ends despite our separation in the future. Hope for the Institute lies in those who believe in what it stands for and seek to attain that in their lives. Keep fighting; it is well worth the end result. "Honor God, Finish Well, Don't Quit"



Kasten G. Bloomstrom
Fayetteville, North Carolina



"Blumkin"

Civil Engineering

Air Force

Cadre 3; The Cadet 4,3,2,1; Jazz Band 2,1; Flag Football 1; Ring Design Committee 2

Dyke: Michael Doughton '07
Rats: Ben Mackercher

Looking back at my cadetship, I have to stop and ask myself "What the hell was I thinking, when I decided to come to VMI!?" Even though the journey was rough and seemed to never end, it was an experience that I wouldn't change for the world. To Chris & Matt: If it had not been for you guys I don't think I would have ever been able to get this fix. We had some great times together, even if we did always joke about kicking one of us out of the room so the rest of us had more room. (2-11) To Mitch: Where to begin, Operation Lights Out perhaps? Of all the people I have met in my life so far you are by far my closest and most trusted friend. If there is one thing that I will truly miss about VMI it will have been some of the shenanigans that we got into. Go conquer the world man! (you know what I mean). To the Rat: Ben it has truly been a pleasure to such an awes me rat. I hope you learned all you could from me. "Every man dies, but not every man truly lives"



Erik M. Blum
King George, Virginia



"TJ"

Civil and Environmental Engineering

Marine Corps

Cadre 2,1; S.A.D. 4,3,2,1

Dyke: Dan Stinnett '07
Rats: William Helfrich

Here are some truths as I saw them. Life is not fair and VMI is no exception. However, the system is not out to get you; the rules are taught, the boundaries set, and the game begins; do not hold grudges when you lose. LIVE honorably, there is more to honor than the four tenets VMI holds dear. Add something to the corps, because apathy and misery go hand in hand; the most frustrated cadets are the ones who don't get involved, forget why they are here, and succumb to endless whining. Yes, grades come first; but your academics will be some of the least valuable lessons you can learn here; don't get lost in them. Choose your roommates as carefully as your gal; they are guaranteed to have a profound impact on your life every day at the Institute. You'll know when you've chosen the right ones. Your rat will be a direct reflection of your own character and attitude; help them get more out of this place than you did. If you are fortunate enough to get a solid rat, thank your stars and don't ruin him. Lastly, suck it up; you can always do one more push-up.



Thomas S. Bond
Stafford, Virginia

Class of 2010



Brian M. Bopp
Lexington, Virginia

VMI is two different entities for me. The VMI that I imagined before I came here and the VMI that I experienced while I was a cadet. I always compared the two and the VMI that I imagined is always held to the higher standard. Although VMI did not always meet that standard, my experience at VMI will always outweigh any experience that I could have received at another college. Alex, Chris, and Paddy, you guys helped me get through VMI and your friendship means the world to me. To Paul and Seif, you guys have been the greatest roommates that I could have and I hope the best for you in life after VMI. To my rats, play with the system and not against it. Always do the right thing and remember that you will always have each other and your dykes. Overall, I have learned more than I could have imagined from my experiences at VMI



"Bopp"

History

Air Force

Ultimate Frisbee 3,2; Flag Football 1

Dyke: Brandon Kelly '07
Rats: Josh Aulbach



Jason M. Bowman
Clifton Forge, Virginia

This place is crazy to say the very least. There have been plenty of bad times and a few good with these few I associated myself with. Remember BRs there are only three guarantees in life: you live, you die, and all _____s are crazy. The current administration ruined VMI forever. They turned it from an amazing institution to a school of indefinite marching and unlimited trivial BS and technicalities. Real' Honor right? Welcome to the 21st Century I guess. Despite the administration: "Veni, Vidi, Vici" (Caesar 47 BC). Best of Luck to everyone (except the guy who gets his name on a Brick first what a 'twat'), especially to my roommates through the years, and I'll see you when I see you.



"JBow"

History

Marine Corps

Hockey 4,3,1;

Dyke: Taylor McClure '07
Rats: Casey Salgado, Plume Grout



John P. Bowman
Knoxville, Tennese

It has taken me four years to truly formulate a clear opinion of this school and even now how the system operates still baffles me. There is no doubt the expectations of this place are high, but what it should represent and reality are two very different things. Those of you who embraced the system and upheld your honor, you will truly be my brothers until the end. For those of you who defiled my school with your conduct and attitude, who every chance you got complained and could not meet the standards, I pity you and resent the fact you wear the same ring and receive the same diploma as me. It's interesting the "transformation" that supposedly takes place over a cadetship. Whether I am better because I have endured this system for four years I can't say yet. What I can attest to is the love and support I received from my true friends. You few and others know who you are and even though we depart our separate ways, we will always stand as one. To my rats, live up to what this place still holds true. Imprint those values upon yourselves worth keeping and do great things.



"JP"

History

Navy

Cadre 3, S-3 2,1: Rat Challenge 2; Ring Figure Committee 3,2; Club Lacrosse 4,3; Flag Football 1; Trident Society 1

Dyke: Anthony Harris '07
Rats: Michael Sigleton, Robert Klipfel

Class of 2010

2010



Benjamin G. Brandt
Fishersville, Virginia

"Ben"

Business and Economics

Football 4,3,2,1

Dyke: Dan Swift '07
Rats: Christopher Dreikorn



"Briggs"

History

GA 1; Rat Challenge 2; S.A.D. 2; Recycling Club 3,2

Dyke: Dan Swift '07
Rats: Christopher Dreikorn

It's all about your Brother Rats. It doesn't matter how bad this place sucks, or how long you were on confinement, or how good your GPA was. When you break us down to the core, to the foundation of who we are as people, it's about the things we shared throughout our time here. We were all broken down during the rutline, striped of our individuality and made into a dumb and smelly rat mass. And from there we grew with each other, shaped the lives of those around us, and were reborn into the people we are today. It's the ability to have complete faith in your BR's that sets us apart from everyone else. That is the most important thing I have taken from this place.



Eric S. Brigham
Chesapeake, Virginia



"JT"

Mechanical Engineering

Color 3; Ranger Challenge 4; Boxing 4,3,2; Skiing 3,2; Rugby 1; First Class Pvt.

Dyke: Liam Gilroy '07
Rats: Ali Ali

After being at this place for 4 years I am ready to move on. To my mother; thanks for all your invaluable support, you always saw the best in me and who I am today is because of you. Know I will always be there for you in the future, no matter what. To my grandfather, thanks for your unfaith in spiritual terms and financially I would not have made it through the hard times without your support. To roommates and friends, at VMI you're the only people that mattered and getting through this place in one piece is due to you and I believe in friends for life, so if there is a time I can help let me know. To my rat, Ali, stay on the grind and push through, it does get old but the friends and memories you make here will last a lifetime. Goodbye VMI and it is about time.



Justin T. Brinkman
Chicago, Illinois

Class of 2010



Carter L. Brown
Bedford, Virginia

I want to thank my family and friends for supporting me during these past four years. You've seen me mature as an individual and a man, from a "clueless rat" to a commissioned officer. To my grandfather, you provided a place of refuge and a home. Every time I see my ring, I think of you. Lauren, I can't say enough about how you encouraged me for these years to strive for excellence. I attribute much of my success to you. I'm proud to join the ranks of VMI alumni with my father. To Benny and the rest of the corps, I'll give you the same advice my dyke gave me, "Don't sweat the small stuff". In the words of Major Dick Winters, "Hang Tough".



"Brownie"

International Studies

Air Force

Chemistry PLTL Tutor 3,2

Dyke: William Doyle '07
Rats: Dennis Kiely



Donte D. Brown
Alexandria, Virginia

BRs of 2010: You all are the greatest thing to happen to me since I graduated FUMA. I'm honored to be amongst you all and even though I have my differences with some, I wish you all the best. Rats: You are 2010's legacy. You are part of the best dykeline in barracks. As I told my very own rats, HONOR THY DYKELINE! Do great things while we are gone and represent us well. Band/Echo Band you will always be the best…stay weird, keep ourselves (it doesn't matter what the talentless people say). Echo, you are my favorite "letter" company. Continue to set the example and show us what the Corps should be. Extra: You are not special… no one cares, get over yourselves and stop being a group of nasty individuals. Every one: This school is great at teaching you things the wrong way. You can always learn from bad examples. Take this school and build yourselves into better leaders. Believe me (in a round-about way) you'll eventually appreciate it. This place puts us even past these kids from other schools. Use it! Thank You GOD…Mom…'07…2010, and every one else that helped me through…Semper Fidelis.



"Double D" "Black Death"

Mechanical Engineering

Marine Corps

Cpl 3; MSGT Cadre 2; 1 PN C+ 1; Marathon Club 1; Band 4,3,2,1; CEA 1; NCMT 1

Dyke: Alex Rawling '07
Rats: Kenneth Cummings, Patrick Sasci



Anson L. Bryant
Wichita, Kansas

My time here at VMI has been a good one. I have been challenged, but am stronger than before. I am proud to belong to VMI and to be associated with everyone who does. For this I would like to thank: The Lord God who led me here and by whose strength has led me to success; Mom, whose love and support through all those phone calls and care packages always encouraged me when I thought all was ridiculous; Dad, who always supported me through my struggles and helped me to be Godly; Audra, who loved me and was a great sister; Rob, Jared, Jacob, for keeping each other happy; Mr and Mrs. Lawson, for the tailgates, food, and love that I never would have expected; Grandmother and Granddaddy, and Grandma, for the constant thoughts and prayers; Chap, for the spiritual support and coaching; the Josephs, for taking me in; BG Farrell, for being the most inspiring teacher/professor I have had; TESM Saint-Cyr, pour le maintegrer comme un Saint-Cyrien; Liam, who is still my dyke; Major Mitchell, for piping is my new passion; and to my BRs, particularly those in Band, I'll miss you.



"Lederhypants" "Frenchman"

French and Spanish

Army

Pipe Band 4,3,2,1; Moe 2,1; Exhibition Drill Team 3; Theatre 1.

Dyke: Liam O'Brien '07
Rats: Alex Sharp, Baxter Blevins

Class of 2010



"Buckland"

English

Army

Cadre 1; Ranger Challenge 3,2

Dyke: Bryan Welch '07
Rats: Kenny McFetridge, Ben Sykes

My roommates: Every best of luck in the Navy with EOD, you have worked extremely hard for it. Don't cut the wrong wire. AJ, I wish you the best, I will also remember the Christmas tree of 2nd class year and marching the 5 pts for it. Will, I can't say that I won't miss all the head locks but I know I am better for them. I know you will be an outstanding officer, good luck in the Corps. Clint, I am glad that you and I got to share the experience of molding our Rats together in FTroop. To all you four, in the past three years you have become my brothers through the good times and the bad. I will miss rooming together, you all have made my cadetship and I will always remember you. I can't say enough about how much you four mean to me. My rats: You both have been outstanding and I could never have wished for two better rats. I hope that I have helped guide you on the right path for success here. This school is tough, but in the end it is worth it. FTroop '10. Thank you. Heinous!!!



Jonathan L. Buckland
Centreville, Virginia



"JB"

Psychology

Commanders 4,3,2,1; Rat Challenge 3,2,1

Dyke: Justin Chutney '07
Rats: Josh Peterson

These four years have been a blessing in my life. Although there have been struggles, I have been privileged to endure them with the best HRS God could provide. I pray that He goes with us in our separate paths, and brings us safely back to gripe about the Kotline and remember the Old Corps (is it is today).



James A. Burleson
McClean, Virginia



"El Presidente"

Mechanical Engineering

GC 4,3,2,1; Trap and Skeet Team 3,2,1; CIG 3,2; Rat Challenge 3,2

Dyke: Sam Alvarenga '07
Rats: David Rochow, Robert Jones

To the Class: Thank you for giving me the opportunity to be your President. I will never forget what we have been through and what you have done for me. I will never have such a strong bond with such a large group of people. To my roommates: Thanks for keeping me sane and giving me the friendships that I never acted like I needed, but always yearned to have. I could not have made it through here without you. After all the sleepless nights and never-ending days, you were the people I could turn to for help. I will never forget it; you are my brothers. To THE 7: Will, Hunter, Miles, Paul, Justin, Randy... "One day we will sit down and have a drink and know we did the right thing." It certainly was a trying time, but we all made it through. To my RATS: Work hard and don't ever lose sight of why you came here; it will be the only drive you can find sometimes. I have every bit of faith that you will excel, but it will not come easy and don't ever expect it to come easy; that will make you a fool.



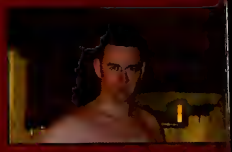
Sloan C. Burns
Richmond, Virginia

Class of 2010



Edward C. Burton III
Hampton, Virginia

I think a lot of people come here to figure out who they are whether they know it or not, and I probably am one of those people. In my time here, I have found two things. One is that who we are is constantly changing with our experiences. The second thing I have found are the people who kept me from going completely off the edge during my time here. I know you who had my back for the last four years, and I'll still be right there at yours. To those of us who have or want rank at VMI, there is something I need to say: Get a spine. This is your corps, your way. This place is not the Commandants sandbox, nor is it Rat's play place. Have the integrity and tackle what you think is right. Take their advice, but never let any one tell you what is right, that's on you. To my rats I only need to say: read what I wrote above again very carefully, it will take you far. If you always do what you honestly believe is right, you can do no wrong."Howl" –Jimmy Buffett.



"Burt"

International Studies

Dyke: Chris Yoder '07
Rats: Matt Waalkes, Nate Marion



Hugo Bustamante
Fernie, Nevada



"Busta"

Civil and Environmental Engineering

SAME 4.3.2.1.

Dyke: Victor Karpev '07
Rats: Roland Zech



Hunter K. Cantrell
Charlotte, North Carolina

VMI has a lot of good and bad aspects to it. I feel I have grown immensely in character yet I have found ways to work the system. I love VMI with every fiber of my being, yet I hate it at the same time. VMI overall has been good to me. I have made friends here that will last a lifetime. No other college in the country or even the world can compare to what we do and the people we produce. I will always be proud of the Mother I For my rats: stay strong, always look forward, work hard, and try to enjoy the time you spend here. Remember the old adage though "VMI is a great place to be from, but not at" Try your best to do so. But, leave the I better than when you found it.



"Sam Hall"

International Studies

Army

Rat Challenge 2; NCMT 3.2.1; Paintball Team 3

Dyke: Grayson Ernst '07
Rats: Rashod Robinson, Hayward Hood

Class of 2010



"Cappy"

International Studies

Army

Troop 4,3,2,1; Aviation Club 2,1; Flag Football 1; Rat Challenge 1

Dyke: Mike Fager '07
Rats: Ian McGinn

What is a senior narrative? Am I supposed to thank everyone who got me here, like my mom, my dad, and the rest of the family? Even though you probably should have disowned me numerous times, you kept me strong and my head straight. Am I supposed to reminisce about ring figure and the "Twelve Groups?" Maybe I'm supposed mention all the Troopers and say that without them I would have quit the third day here. Maybe I'll give my rat some sort of encouragement but he really doesn't need any because he can tough it out. Why not add an inspirational quote by Patton like "Accept the challenges so that you can feel the exhilaration of victory" which really sums this place up. Well, I think I have to give a shout out to the most dysfunctional group of kids to live under one roof: my roommates over the years. Without you guys I probably still be marching PTs for the Inauguration incident, for the late night brawls, for the games of poker, and for the time we went fishing and caught a George Rat. It really has been the most memorable four years of my life and it wouldn't have been the same without you guys.



Michael A. Caporiccio
Washington D.C.



"Cavider"

History

Army

Flag Football 1; Big Brother/Big Sister 1

Dyke: Wesley Dockery '07
Rats: Anthony Kemp

To my dykes: Doc, Z, and Smalls, I didn't say this nearly enough, but thanks for being great dykes. It's because of you guys that I became who I am today. To my cadre: I'm not sure how you felt about me or if you ever learned how to say my name, but thanks for showing me the right way to do things. To my TACs: I didn't get to know most of you as well as I would have liked, but thank you for bringing some professionalism to this place. Maybe someday the term Military will actually belong in the name. To Echo 2010: Thanks for all the great times and memories. I don't know if I'll ever be in a group closer than we were last year. To my rats: Anthony, Andrew, Alex, and Peach, my final advice to you is to take action. If you see someone in the wrong, fix them. Don't just complain something, take steps to change it. You guys will do great here, just stick with it.



James A. Cavider
Hampstead, New Hampshire



"Nugget"

Economics and Business

Jewish Activities; GIG; Omega Delta Epsilon; Sigma Beta Delta

Dyke: Matthew Burton '07
Rats: Samuel Cain

There are some things that I have done during my life here that, that I do not take pride in. The difference between me and the many other people here is that I learn from my mistakes, and mature from it. I have been fortunate to have the greatest dyke in the world, who has helped make me the man that I am today, and in the future. I want to thank my mom, despite all the drama we may have had. More importantly I want to thank my dad, who became closer to me in the past couple of years than my entire life, and supported me throughout this entire process. It is unfortunate that he will never be able to see me first hand become the man that he wanted me to be. I will push on knowing that he will always be watching over me. Rest in peace Dad, I will miss you and love you forever.



Jarrod D. Cartwright
Marysville, Virginia

Class of 2010



Stephen G. Casy
Richmond, Virginia



"Steve"

Economics and Business



Dylan G. Cole
Brunswick, Georgia

Mom, Dad, Natalie thanks for the support, couldn't have done it without y'all. Tanner, JT y'all made life here much easier through the good and bad we survived because of each other so prociate it. Tanner good luck with ball JT you just need luck period Big- stay big Mike, Nick, Ombri, Kaleb- good luck with your time here. Remember slow days, first year and don't pee on McKormick.



"Vivo"

Psychology

RDC 1; Cadet Writer 2,1

Dyke: John Yelu '07
Rats: Mike Olivo



Stephen R. Cauley
Purcellville, Virginia



"Steve"

International Studies

Rat Challenge 3,2

Dyke: Will Kenrad '07
Rats: Chewngsun Sruchis

Class of 2010



"Chang"

Applied Mathematics

Volleyball 4,3

Dyke: Sien-jun Jack Lin '07
Rats: Shun-te Shih

I am thankful that I have the opportunity to be here as an exchanging student from Taiwanese Air Force Academy, within these years of my cadetship, I have met so many great people: roommates, cadykes, and RRs in Hotel company. It's tough to be so far away from home, and I don't think I could get through this without them. Furthermore, I would like to thank my family; I thank them for always being supportive and considerate of me. I love my country, family, roommates, cadykes, and Hk's. VIVA TAIWAN!!



Yu-Wei Chang
Taiwan



"Chappy"

International Studies

Rugby 4,3,2; Newspaper 2; ROC 1; AI club

Dyke: Nicholas Boykin '07
Rats: John Rivas

I procrastinated until 5 minutes before this was due...standard. Blood and Guts Golf. Thanks to my roommates for putting up with my shenanigins. You won't do it. From my dyke to me to my rat...don't get caught (well try not to), and stay away from trouble makers like I've told you a million times. VMI rugby, 100 WORK, weekends, Mercedes, Benedictine (2006) to VMI (2 #'s), second class year with 7 months on lockdown.



Thomas C. Chapman
Richmond, Virginia



"Zach"

Biology

Football 4,3,2,1

Dyke: Josh VanKleef '07



Zachary Collins
Universal City, Texas

Class of 2010



Andrew B. Compton
Leesburg, Virginia

Whenever someone asks you why you come here, the automatic response is usually... "Heck, I don't even know anymore," or "I should've just gone to JMU." I've said it myself, but I know deep down that this place has taught me lessons not easily forgotten. To those who were somewhat disappointed when you got here and saw the large amount of flaws with the system and people, you are the future changers of the world. To those who just saw it as something else to get through, I hope you find something deep down in you that shows you the importance of giving a crap about something other than yourselves. Brother Rats, you've made this experience one hell of a journey, and I wish you the best of luck wherever life takes/drags you.



"Conkin"

Civil and Environmental Engineering

Marine Corps

Club Basketball 4,3,2,1; Ra Challenge 3,2,1

Dyke: Brandon Kelly '07
Rats: Robert Incontro, Philip Wolfken



Brian C. Connolly
Popeson, Virginia

A lot has happened in the past four years both good and bad. But I know that I have lived with no regrets and along the way I found some life-long friends. I use to think that I was wasting the best years of my life here at VMI, but know I realize that they were not wasted and that I spent them with some of the best guys I'll probably ever meet and that I know I'll never forget. To my parents, thank you for everything and supporting me when I was ready to quit, if it wasn't for both of you I would have left a long-time ago. To Rat, take it easy while your here, never sweat the small stuff and the time will fly by before you know it.



"BC"

International Studies

Army

Rugby

Dyke: Tommy Catlett '07
Rats: Robert Kanter



Jennifer A. Cook
Fairfax, Virginia



"Cook"

Biology

Rifle 2,1; Sounding Brass 2,1 English Society 3,2,1; Theatre 2,1

Dyke: Mira Veis '07
Rats: Sarah Hoover, Claire Kingsley, Marie Mallet

Class of 2010



"Coop"

Chemistry

Navy

Club Lacrosse 4, 7th Corporal 3, 2nd Plt Guide Sgt 2, 4th Plt Lt 1

Dyke: Mathew Schreibfeder '07
Rats: Josh Caulfield, John Gilmartin

"Si Vis Pacem, Para Bellum".
- Flavius Vegetius Renatus.



Jeffrey R. Cooper
Funkstown, Maryland



"Will"

Economics and Business

Rugby 4,3,2,1.

Dyke: Rhett Hutaff '07
Rats: Chris Ralli

They say it takes hardship
To let you love the rest
Sometimes underneath the weed
Is where I shine my best
Go, put your work clothes on
Go and leave your mark



William R. Cowell
Charlotte, North Carolina



"Awkward Giraffe"

Chemistry

CCS 2,1; ERT 2,1; Philosphy Club 3,2,1; Cpl 3; S-6 2; S-2 1; Phi Kappa Phi; Phi Theta Kappa; Gamma Sigma Epsilon; Omicron Delta Kappa.

Dyke: Steve Sykes '07
Rats: Zaquero Harnett, Clayton Scott

I got into UVA and stayed here at VMI, if it were not for those who encouraged me to remain here I would be there. Thank you to every one who helped me achieve my goals. Thank you to my grandparents who gave me a reprive while here at VMI.



Jacob T. Cox
Drake, Virginia

Class of 2010



Jonathan K. Cox
Great Falls, Virginia

I have definitely acquired more than what a frustrated, naive, 18 year-old kid ever fathomed gaining from this school. Lacrosse has been my haven, and to the wise guys I thank you so much for all of those experiences, a lot of BLOOD, SWEAT, and tears have come from these years together, but I would'nt change it for the world. I have truly learned the meaning of humility being with you guys. It has been a privilege being by your side throughout it all. Timmy, I cannot believe we made it this all I can really say now but this is just the beginning... To Thomas and Matt, this place is what you make it, follow the examples which have been set by your seniors and teammates, we don't know that much but we know how to survive and stick together. To my parents, because without your swift kick in the direction of VMI I would not be the man I am today. Because of you Dad, impossible is not in my vocabulary anymore. You have taught me life isn't about weathering out the storm, but learning how to dance in the rain. I hope to keep making you proud as I continue to dance my crazy dance.



Kevin M. Cox
Chesapeake, Virginia

When I first got here, I never thought the ratline would end, let alone the next four years. Now, I am wondering where all the time went. VMI has challenged me on many levels and I could never have met those challenges without the family I have and the friendships I have made since arriving. Mom and Dad, thanks for the constant source of guidance throughout my time at VMI. LINJ I love you guys so much. Jack, you're the best. I couldn't have made it through without you. Lowell, you have been a great friend, always willing to listen to whatever's going on. I will never forget the days of room 34. To all those I have prayed or studied the Word together with, you have been a constant source of encouragement. Keep the faith brothers! To the "old man," all I can say is "keep it classy!" Sam, always face challenges straight on and trust in the Lord for your strength. Remember that you have a choice that will not put you to shame. I am looking forward to seeing you graduate and how the Lord will use your life! To my Brother Rats, I am proud to wear the ring with you.



Jarrett A. Craddock
Richmond, Virginia



"Coxy"

International Studies

Lacrosse 4,3,2,1; All American Badboss 4,3,2,1

Dyke: Greg Schwartz '07
Rats: Matt Lindeman, Thomas Moran



"Cox"

Civil and Environmental Engineering

Rat Challenge 3,2,1; Ring Figure Committee 2; Cadre S-1 2; S-3 1; Timmons-Gentry Music Society 2,1; Golf Club ASME 3,2,1; NCMT 3

Dyke: Ivan Riedel '07
Rats: Samuel Craig

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"Craddock"

Biology

Rats: Stuart Hughes

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"Crean"

International Studies

Air Force

Lacrosse 4,3,2,1; CIG 2,1; OGA 1

Dyke: Andrew Williams '07
Rats: JO Goode, Tucker Poe

It's hard to believe it's finally over. To my family, thank you for all the support you've given me, I couldn't have done it without you. To my roommates Jake, Jesse, and Bryan, thanks for everything. You guys have made this place bearable and thoroughly enjoyable at times, and I thank you for that. I'll never forget the time we shared here, both good and bad. To my dyke Andrew thanks for everything you did for me, I couldn't have made it through these first 6 months without your help. I can see now after having my own rats how little they know and how hard it can be to deal with them at times. To my rats JO and Tucker, keep up the good work guys. Your time here will be over before you know it so make the most of it and do as much as you can to enjoy it.



Ryan C. Crean
Parkway, Virginia



"Chaz"

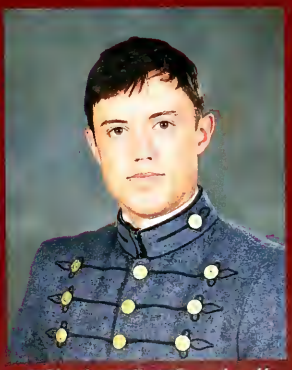
International Studies

Army

Guidon 1; Honor Court 2; Wrecking Crew 2,1; Guide Sgt 2; Club Soccer 3; Rat Challenge 2; Big Red Club 1; S.A.I 4,

Dyke: Mike Peranski '07
Rats: Ian Smith

So it's finally been four years. It seems like it has been longer, but I know my parents will disagree. Thanks parents for supporting me these four years. You never urged me to go here, but you let me find out what I wanted to do and you supported me from day one. Thanks for dealing with everything. To my roommates, Brett- you are a grimy rat roommate. Eddie- you do three things way too much, sleep, eat, and I won't mention the third. Perestock- you are the biggest meat head in the world and if I went back and had a dollar for how many times you'll scream profanities into the late night of barracks, broke something or lit your farts on fire; I'd be rich. VMI has been a wild ride; I have been through the worst and the best times of my life, and have learned some of the most valuable things about myself and others that I'll take away from this place. Im, just play the game and don't let anyone or anything get you down. Just put your head down and drive on.



Charles C. Crowder II
Richmond, Virginia



"Jack"

History

Honor Court 2,1; Football 4,3,2,1; S-3 4,2

Dyke: Rich Meredith '07
Rats: Denver Reese

It's hard to believe it has been four years. I first off want to thank God, who through his son Jesus Christ gave me the strength to get through this place. To my roommates John, Clay and Hutch, I could have not had better friends or roommates. To Wes, Will, Rory, Bill Mikey and Gene, it has been an honor and a privilege to have served on the court with all of you. I am proud of who we are and what we did. We fought the good fight. To Chris, Josh, Phil, Ethan and Sharif, I know the court is in good hands. To Denver, keep working hard, I know you will do great things here. To my girlfriend Sara, you stuck with me through this place, I consider myself a lucky man. To my parents Mac and Cindy, I could not have had better parents to help guide me to make the right decisions in my life. To the rest of the class of 2010, good luck and God Bless.



John M Cudis Jr.
Fairfax Station, Virginia

Class of 2010



Clinton Custer
Roanoke, Virginia



Brian D. Cvengros
Williamsburg, Virginia



Christopher P. Czyprzyna
Kilsborough, New Jersey

It honestly feels like yesterday when I first stepped foot on VMI. Thankfully, my time here has finally ended! While I have hated plenty of things about this school, I must admit that there were plenty of things that made it bearable. From red dye catastrophes to jumping out of trees, various meetings with Trumps, and overall group adventures, coming to VMI was almost worth it. I need to thank some people in the process. Mom and Dad of course, you guys kept pushing and helped me through. Weims, Crean, and Newman…it's been real. There definitely were some fun times throughout the years regardless of the everyday "routine". Regardless of the room battles, it was definitely interesting every day. Rory and Timmy, we definitely went through some crap because of our dykes but it was fun regardless. Brett, Reddy, and Stock: 324322 C'O battles never get old. To our rats: keep your heads low, stay smart, and get through this school, the end is worth it. Now it's time to move on to the next step. I wish all my people luck in the future. Be safe, be smart, but have some fun, you only live once.

These four years flew by with countless memories, especially with my Hotel Rks. I couldn't ask for a better group. Side by side we suffered and endured, we always had each other's backs, and when we fought, we fought like brothers. I wouldn't trade it for the world. To the Class of 2007: Thank you for everything you did for us. To the Class of 2011: I was given the task of building you into men and women worthy of VMI. I watched you suffer through all of the hardships we bestowed upon you, and I watched you slowly become Cadets. I am proud of you, but it doesn't end here. You have a lot to live up to, and you must continue to improve as Cadets. Live with honor and pride. Be courageous, stand upright and be strong. Never forget your Ratline. Always be there for each other, and catch each other if ever one should fall. If I take one thing from my four years, that is the most important. This place became a home for me and my Rks, a family. What VMI has given to me is something that I will carry with me forever.



"Clint"

International Studies

Rats: John Rice



"Cvenny"

History

Navy

S-5 2, 1; Ultimate Frisbee 3, 2

Dyke: Nick Tommaso '07
Rats: Max Curry



"Czu" "Gerpin"

Psychology

Army

Rat Challenge 3, Boxing Team 3,2; RDC 1

Dyke: Nick Franck '07
Rats: Adam Browder

Class of 2010



"Jess"

Spanish

Swimming 4; Cheerleading 3,2; Glee Club 1

Dyke: Erin Hottle '07
Rats: Shawna Lennen, Anezka Seal

I have finally made it through, and all with the help of many people. First thanks to my mom, dad, and brother who would tell me that I just need to suck it up and keep pushing through it and that was what helped me have faith in myself when I thought I couldn't do it. Second to my one and only second who has helped me through so many different chapters of my life– through the laughs, fun, fights, good, bad, and the ugly. Third to my Rats: Girls you have been the greatest rats that any dyke could ask for. Just remember that your DYKE loves you and will always be here for you. Dyke Love Me! Love Me! I want to be with you forever! With much love and appreciation, hugs, and kisses to those special people in my life.



Jessica A. Daniel
Dumfries, Virginia



"Gus" "E"

Civil Engineering

Marine Corps

Rifle Team 4,3; Frisbee 1; Opl 3; S-2 1.

Dyke: Nathan Fifer '07
Rats: Clay Strong, Ryan Blank

3 stripes, 3 years - and it seems like we only just got off the fourth stoop. Now looking on to graduation, I find myself conflicted. It feels foremost depressing because there are so many people I don't want to say good bye to: Rob, Dom, Jonathan, Dave, Abe, Muzi, Kelly, Rory, Alex, Scott. Spending late nights in the NEH for weeks on end with my good friends; I think those were ironically the best times we had at VMI. Everything I did alone here, it all fades in comparison to the things we accomplished (or failed at) together. Graduation also feels hopeful because I will soon join most of these same friends in the armed forces, but now that we've risen to the top, it's hard to trade certainty for opportunity. We will soon be matriculating to the world, entering other routines, and straining away in different directions. To my friends, I hope that when you get the chance, you'll still pop in the door and say hello. To the rats, don't underestimate your time here and don't hate it – give everything you have and enjoy it while it lasts.



Ericsson W. Davis
Abbeville, Virginia



"Bdawe" "Bobby"

International Studies

Lacrosse 4,3,2,1.

Dyke: Ryan Benson '07
Rats: Bernie Mowbray

If there's anything that I took from being here at VMI is never give up, no matter what life throws in front of you. I know it sounds cliché but its words I've come to live by the past couple of years. Thanks to my parents and family for sticking up for me and for all the love and support, I definitely couldn't have made it without you. Lax Co., we've seen it all, from going the MAAC championship to… well, not so great seasons, but we stuck together. To the wise guys and all the other bros, it's been an interesting past couple of years and I'll never forget the memories. Thanks for helping me through the hardest parts, you guys brought me back to this god-forsaken place and I can't thank you enough, I'm definitely going to miss you guys. Our rats Bernie and Ninny, life isn't always fair and like we always say, just play the role here and you'll be fine. Now all we have to find a way to make up for the lack of the "college experience" we missed out on these past 4+ years…



Robert J. Davis III
Vienna, Virginia

Class of 2010



George DeGennaro
Highland, Maryland



"George Rat"

Electrical and Computer Engineering

FTroop 4,3,2,1; The Cadet 4; Academic Mentor 3,2; Club Boxing 3; Ranger Challenge 2; IEEE3,1; Cadet Investment Group 2,1; IT 3,2

Dyke: John Lentz '07
Rats: Dustin Shelley



Scott J. Delo
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania



"Scott"

Mechanical Engineering

Band 4,3,2,1

Rats: Jonathan Berlin, Tyler Lewis



Edward J. Desch II
Richmond, Virginia

It is sufficient to say that we all know why this is such a horrible place to be at, but I am finally understanding why it is such a great place to be from. If I had to pick one thing about this great Institute that I would cherish forever, it would be the unbelievable friendships I have formed here. To my rat: John Calvin, hopefully you'll learn how to put a hay down in the next 3 years, but you're all I could have ever asked for in a rat. To the rest of the Nasties: keep up your hard work; it's worth it in the end. To my family: no amount of "Thank-yous" could express how I feel. You have made me the man I am today. Dusty, I am so proud of you. You are truly doing great things; never let anyone take that away from you. Finally, and most importantly, to my boys: it's almost unimaginable thinking I will not be in the same cramped, smelly, broken room with you all next year. I will never forget our stories, most of whose content prevents them from being told ever again. Thanks for the memories. Wise Guys for Life.



"Cheese"

Economics and Business

Navy

GC 2,1; Cadet Investment Group 2,1; College Republicans 2,1; Rat Challenge 3; NROTC Battalion Staff 2,1

Dyke: Stuart Craft '07
Rats: John-Calvin Barnard

Class of 2010



"Petey", "DeVil"

Civil and Environmental Engineering

NCAA Swimming 4,3,2,1; CEA 1.

Dyke: Paul Sheldon '07
Rats: Dennie Martin

We have no way of picturing for certain who we're going to be in the future, but what a joy it's been to truly begin a vigorous and fervent chase after convictions, challenges and personal growth with you all. My experience here has enabled me to see beauty in a different light; more specifically the beauty in people. I can't imagine being surrounded by a more genuine group of people: people that aren't comfortable with the norm, people that attack a life of meaning and structure, people that aren't afraid to pursue and defend the things they know are right. I will miss you all and encourage you that, whatever your future endeavor, meet it and live it to the fullest. My prayer for you all is that God will daily take your world apart and keep only the pieces that are needed to mold you and fill your lives with more and more of who He is in hopes of creating in you a clearer vision for the person that you are called and meant to be.



Paul DeValk
Richmond, Virginia



"DeVerna"

Civil Engineering

Cadre 3; Big Brother/Big Sister 3,2; Habitat for humanity 2,1

Dyke: Cory Knick '07
Rats: Brian Fulbeck

I can't believe our time here is almost up; I'm not complaining or anything, it's just that some days I doubted first class year and graduation would ever come. There are so many people I need to thank for their faithful prayers and support throughout my cadetship. First, I would not be here without my God and Savior, who has blessed me with so much more than I could ever ask. I wish I could express how amazing my parents have been throughout this experience. Whether it was driving up to visit or providing an unending chain of emails, they did whatever they could to cheer me up when the Ratline (or third-line, or second-line) had me down. I also have to thank VMI. Looking back on it now, enduring the parades and inspections, rules and restrictions, and bad haircuts and horrible food made us who we have become. Finally, I want to thank my roommates, who gave me a reason to come back each Fall. Without you, guys, this place would have been unbearable. I will never forget the great adventures we shared and the stories we will retell for years to come.



Kyle A. DeVerna
Lynchburg, Virginia



"Dixon"

International Studies

Cadre 3,2,1; Club Soccer 4,3; MMA 2; Men in Grey 3,2,1; Jazz Band 2,1

Dyke: Matt Upchurch '07
Rats: Alex Brewer, Norm Chartrand

First of all, I give thanks to my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. All the honor and glory goes to him. Second, thanks to my parents; Mom and Dad, thanks for all the support you've given me for the past 22 years of my life. I wouldn't be here without you. Finally, thanks to my roommates. You guys have become like my brothers over the last 4 years. You guys made VMI bearable and I look forward to more good times and good memories.



Caleb C. Dixon
Midlothian, Virginia

Class of 2010



Joshua R. Dixon
Midlothian, Virginia

"Going to VMI was one of the best decisions I've ever made. Four years at the Institute transformed me from an immature high school kid into a confident young man, but it wasn't necessarily VMI that transformed me. It was the Lord, my roommates, my family, my host family, and my brother rats who wouldn't let me quit on myself. A quote from the Bible that always helped me was "trials produce endurance, endurance produces character, character produces hope, and that hope doesn't disappoint." VMI has been like a long trail, but it produced in me endurance and character. The character I now possess gives me hope for the future because I know that the friends I made here and the values that were reinforced here will NEVER let me down. To my roommates: you are the best thing that ever happened to me. Thanks for everything. I am going to miss you guys. To my family and my host family, the Klines: I love you all very much and could not have done this without you. To my BRs in FTroop, it was an honor to endure this place together with you. Thank you for your friendship."



Elizabeth C. Dobbins
Freehold, New Jersey

"Je suis entre deux. Ich bin zwischen zwei. I am between two." VMI has left me stronger, and I have found the truest friends I could imagine here. My roomies (VMI and BV) and my brothers will always be with me. Julie, from STP to Marine Corps Officers together! Paramour, you are a blessing. Dad, you have always been my counselor; you know I just want to be as good an officer and a person as you. Grammy, Mom, Katie, Muggy, your love and support has sustained me- I have missed our girls house. Merce, Erika, Elise, Emma, John, and Philip Brooks, it has been wonderful to grow with you these years. I will never forget your love and encouragement. To my rats Jamie, Brie, Jenna: keep laughing and working hard- be good cadets, and more importantly, great people. "Who could be so lucky? Who comes to a lake for water and sees the reflection of moon." –Rumi "It is only by following your deepest instinct that you can lead a rich life, and if you let your fear of consequence prevent you from following your deepest instinct, then your life will be safe, expedient and thin." –Katherine Butler Hathaway



Samuel S. Dobbins
Richmond, Virginia

So many people along the way, whatever it is you aspire to do, will tell you that it can not be done, but all it takes is imagination. You must dream plan, and reach. There will be obstacles, doubters and mistakes, but with hard work, belief, confidence and trust in yourself and those around you, there are no limits. Carruthers-Stand Alone Together



"Sleeping Beauty"

International Studies

Cadre 3,2,1; Soccer 4,3; MMA; VMI Commanders 4,3,2,1; M in Grey 3,2,1

Dyke: Matt Trendwell '07
Rats: Peyton Dekker, Adam Wood



"Fess"

Modern Languages/Cultures and International Studies

Marine Corps

Rat Challenge 3,2; Member 2,1; 3,1; Pre-Law Society 2,1; Rugby

Dyke: Quincy Wesha '07
Rats: Jaime Freeman, Brie Hayes, Jenna Moye



"Sam"

Economics and Business

Triathalon 3,1; Marathon 2, Cpl 3; Sgt 2; Capt 1;

Rats: Hunter Colt

Class of 2010



"Chris"

Applied Mathematics

Cpl 3; S-2 2; Rugby 1.

Dyke: Kimball Yamasaki '07
Rats: Evan Dill

Sadly, I have no enlightened thoughts or angry diatribes to share. Instead, I just want to thank the folks who helped me manage my four years here. Evan—thanks for being a good rat my last year here. Keep working hard, set the goals people tell you are impossible, and then smile when you prove them wrong. Take what you want from both VMI life as a whole and good luck with your next three years. To my family—thank you for your patience and understanding these last six years. It took me a while, but I couldn't have made it without your love and support. To my friends—the true backbone for anyone lasting four years at this place. Thanks for the good times and the hard, the life-long memories and the friendships I'll hold dear for years to come. I hope to see you each succeed in all your future endeavors. You're all great people and entirely irreplaceable; way to see the bigger picture, stay true to what matters, and keep a level head despite the craziness that exists here. Best wishes.

-DeVoy



Christian Dolbey
Mayfield, Delaware

2010

"Dembo" "Lightbulb"

Civil Engineering

Air Force

Rat Challenge 3,2,1; Academic Mentor 3,2; CEA1

Dyke: Stephen Partin '07
Rats: Patty Rowe, Andy Kriz

VMI is like a grueling jigsaw puzzle and you just have to figure out how to make each piece fit. Once you figure out how everything fits, life is so much smoother, but never truly smooth. Don't ever get so caught up in your VMI life that you forget to take care of real life. At VMI, there are plenty of things to do, but just doing the things that need to be done to get to the next day serves no purpose. Contrary to popular belief, God does not hate VMI. God is very present at VMI and without Him life here would be unbearable. Whether you accept it or not, He is there for you. Finding and remembering your purpose here is crucial. Patty and Andy, be thankful for the friendships you make at this place and find something that makes you happy every day.



Christopher P. Dommel
Chesterfield, Virginia



"Jack" "Duffer"

Modern Languages and Cultures

Rat Challenge 2; RDC 1

Dyke: Eric Pupilka '07
Rats: Paul Brandeis

Luck brought me to VMI and I could not be more thankful for all the great times I have had here. VMI has given me my best friends, my biggest role models, and my fondest memories. I will never forget the great times I had with all the guys I roomed with, summer school included, and all the great people I met in my class. Studying in Meknes, Morocco the spring semester of my 3rd class year was an eye opening experience and an ungodly amount of fun. As for ring figure is concerned, I had no idea that a person could have the amount of fun that I had that weekend. I would not trade my time at VMI for anything. Moldoy.



John M. Duffy
Glen Allen, Virginia

Class of 2010



Christopher D. Duty
Richmond, Virginia

The happiest of people don't necessarily have the best of everything they just make the most of everything that comes along their way. "If you obey all the rules, you'll miss all the fun." It may not have been the best time spent here, but I will always remember all the good times we had. I could not have made it through without you guys; this is to yall... Josh, Linc, and Sundback. To my family, I cannot thank you enough for always being there for me, through the good and bad times. I could not ask for anything more, your continuing support helped carry me to where I am today. BaseC. Love

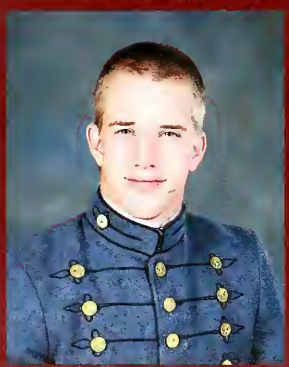


"DUI"

Business and Economics

Baseball 4,3,2,1

Dyke: Robert Crumpler '07
Rats: Jacob Cowgill, Matt Armstead



Tristan S. Euritt
Waterloo, Iowa

I'll never miss this place, but I will miss the people. To my roommates Bill and John, I wish you the best. To Dan Strausbaugh, Scott MacDonald, Chris Mondillo, Travis Travis, Matt Satterwhite and countless other MFs, thank god you were there. Mechanical Engineering would have really sucked without you. To the swimmers, I enjoyed this part of my day the most; thanks for making it so. To my rat, keep putting out. I have to say it was a privilege to be your dyke. Best Wishes to all. Tristan

2010

"Euritt"

Mechanical Engineering

Swimming 3,2,1

Dyke: Zach Hudson '07
Rats: Alex Green



Audrey E. Falconi
Las Vegas, Nevada

"To live in the world without becoming aware of the meaning of the world, Is like wandering about in a great library without touching the books." The Secret Teachings of All Ages. "With all its sham, drudgery, and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be cheerful. Strive to be happy." Desiderata by Max Ehrmann. To my Rats: Remember to stay true to yourself. You only live once so make these next three years worth it and have fun, it'll be over before you know it. To my Teammates: Thank you for some of the best memories I could have ever asked for. VMI would not have been the same without you.



"Falconi"

Chemistry

Army

Lt. 1; S-6 3,2

Dyke: Anya Kovarik '07
Rats: Kacey Hall, Christelle Ntenga

Class of 2010



"Jon"

Modern Languages and Cultures

The Bomb 4; The Cadet 3; Martial Arts 4,3; Paintball 3; EMT 1; Rescue Squad 1; Trap and Skeet 1

Dyke: Michael Pesano '07
Rats: Tyler Mills, Scott Holder

I was born in a log cabin on the Kentucky frontier. I spent most of my days chopping down trees with the aid of a blue ox until I was accepted to VMI. It was 3 weeks journey by Conestoga wagon to get to the bright lights and never ending excitement of Las Vegas. At the Virginia Mental Institution they cut my hair and told me I was to strain. Throughout my four years of walking through the navy chic architecture in my red VMI short shorts, I have encountered the most interesting specimens of the human race. Good friends have been made, life lessons learned. Such lessons will stick with me throughout my life, such as time management, and embrace the suck attitude. Others will remain fond memories, most of these include messing with L Train, Uncle Gary and Garr Bear. All of these are the same person, but very depending on the mood he's in and what I'm getting boned for. Rats, take care of yourself, and others. We are here to serve others while on this earth and everything you do should be to accomplish this. Always keep learning and have fun with whatever you do in life.



Jonathon K. Fanelli
Fairfax, Virginia



"Far Nuts" "OPS"

International Studies

Marine Corps

Ski Team 4,3,2; Cadre 2,1; Rat Challenge 3; NCMT 2,1

Dyke: Colin Wu '07
Rats: Ryan Hillman, Justin Klein

I have learned too many important things to list here during my time at the I. To sum it up in as few words as possible, this place has changed me. I have seen the lowest of lows and the highest of highs, and I feel prepared to face the greatest challenges, and for that I am thankful. To my parents, from matriculation to graduation you have pushed me to work to my potential and provided unwavering support through it all, I couldn't ask for anything more. To my dyke, I didn't understand it at the time, but your boxing hard on me was what I needed most, so thank you. To my "other dykes" (Scott and Jeff) and the Ski Team, good times! Thanks to Roger Thompson for the support and all the trips to random ski areas, I will never forget them. To my girlfriend, thanks for enduring the system, it wasn't always fun and I'm thankful you stuck around. To GySgt. Driver, Capt. Craig, and the NROTC department, thanks for the guidance. Finally to my roommates Adam, Gene and Jeff, what can I say, you guys are amazing, and I had the best times with you, love you guys.



Evan A. Farley
Angel Fire, New Mexico



"ALF" "Pookie Bear"

Civil and Environmental Engineering

Cadre 3,2; Club Basketball 2

Dyke: Drew Wade '07
Rats: Nick Martinez, Taylor Price

Thug Life
Get rich or die trying



Andrew L. Faulconer
Amherst, Virginia

Class of 2010



Joshua L. Favaro
Suwanee, Georgia



"Josh"

Mechanical Engineering

Army

Football 4,3,2,1.

Dyke: Adam Peters '07
Rats: Daniel Sweeney, Mario Thompson



William R. Feldman
Gerlach, Michigan

To My Parents - Thank you so much for the opportunity to achieve something I normally wouldn't have at another school. At the beginning, I really did not know what college to choose, I just knew I wanted something different. I'm glad you were both there to help me choose the right option. You were with me through the good times and bad and I am very grateful. To the HC - We've spent a lot of nights together debating a lot of different things. All of you have been great to me. To the biggest HBI of all, thanks for giving me a light at the end of the tunnel. AF's—To work.



"Bill"

Mechanical Engineering

Honor Court 2,1.

Dyke: Trevor Mitchell '07
Rats: Chris Hooks



Robert L. Fendley
Roanoke, Virginia

In the midst of all of this, I have found individuals who do represent the best these walls once offered. They were drawn by what this place was and strive for four long years to preserve that image. They believe that honor extends beyond the letter of the law; that integrity is not an option; that their brothers here are a family unlike any other. To these few: Long after the VMI we know is gone, we will represent each other. I am proud of that fact and I have the utmost respect for each of you. We will reminisce with fond memory of times we wanted to forget, ignoring the old grudges and pointless battles that drove us mad while we were here. Our experience here has been unforgettable and we have and will be unshakeable. We will be brothers and brother rats no matter what battles rise and fall around us. Pro Deo Patribusque Fratribusque.



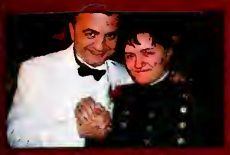
"Bob" "Bobbo"

International Studies

Cadre 3,2; College Bowl 4,3,2; Cadet Assitant 2; NCMT 3,2; OGA 1; BMB 1; Cadet Tutor 1;

Dyke: Daniel Lutterbie '07
Rats: Matthew Chapin, Robert McKenna

Class of 2010



"Federlee" "BC"

Mechanical Engineering

Cadet Chaplin 1; ASME 1; FCA 4,3,2,1; Library Cadet Assist. 3,2,1; Track and Field 4,3,2,1; Engineering Club 3,2,1

Dyke: Brittani Mock '07
Rats: Samantha Combs, Kayla Johnson, Katie Crenan

You know who you are, you know what you have done, you know where I have been, and you know what I will become. To all of those who have helped me in the past or will help me in the future, Thank You. -BC "Once you have tasted flight, you will forever walk the earth with your eyes turned skyward, for there you have been, and there you will always long to return." --- Leonardo da Vinci When things go wrong, as they sometimes will When the road you're trudging seems all uphill When the funds are low and the debts are high And you want to smile, but you have to sigh When care is pressing you down a bit Rest if you must, but don't you quit. --- Unknown Requiescat in pace: Alice Eileen Bremer, October 1, 2009 Ecclus14:14



Michelle P. Fede
Raleigh, North Carolina



"Ferrell"

Civil and Environmental Engineering

Swimming 4,3,2,1; RUC 1

Dyke: Maury Denton '07
Rats: Booth Hornsby

Here it is, the end of my VMI cadetship, where have these four years gone? I have definitely been through some ups and downs since arriving here in August of 2006. While I can't say that all of my experiences here were enjoyable, it was an adventure, and I would not trade these past years for anything else. More importantly, there is no other school that I would rather be graduating from. My character has transformed from that high school know-it-all to an honorable man. This place has made me realize that whatever it is you want to do with your life, the opportunity is out there, just make sure you enjoy it. I have made some amazing, genuine friends that I will keep in touch with forever. Joe, Will, and Chang, thanks for everything, and we only could ask for better roommates. Booth, keep running and make the most of your four years here. Swimming, keep up the hard work. My parents, thanks for supporting me in everything. And above all else, Whitney, I miss you and I hope I made you proud.



Justin C. Ferrell
Glen Allen, Virginia

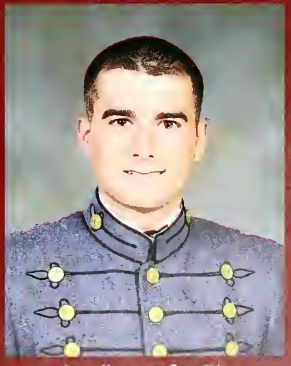


"Ferro"

International Studies

Rat Challenge 2,1; Recycling Club 3,2,1; Pre-Law Society 2,1; OGA 1

Dyke: Jason LaCerda '07
Rats: Keith Campion, Don Mays



Jonathon S. Ferro
Schuylerville, New York

Class of 2010



Greg F. Fiasconaro
Cold Mech, Ana Jersey

I will never forget what my Dyke told me about his VMI experience, "I wouldn't do it again for 1,000,000 dollars but I wouldn't trade it in for anything in the world". I can say I would gladly trade the horrible food, loneliness, and academics for ish any day. What I wouldn't trade for anything in the world is the friends I have made and the moments we have shared no matter how big or small. Whether it was crazy trips over the mountain with Flatch and Dole trying to make trips, hometown shenanigans with Czuprynia, good laughs with Sheehan and Krehbiel, the many moments with EVERY member in Delta, or the "Northern" moments with Pidgot and Hobbins, I will cherish every moment and laugh we have ever shared. There are way too many Brother Rats to mention individually but thank you all for making this hell a homeaway from home for four long years... all of those not mentioned who helped do that, you know who you are. I only hope I was able to return the favor at some point and helped you forget you were at VMI at some point of your cadetship.



"Fiasco"

History

RDC 1; PVT 4,3,2,1; Club Soc 2,1; Rugby 4

Dyke: Jeff Fusick '07
Rats: Van Elmore, Joe Cinquemani



Jeremiah C. Fitzgerald
Spotswood, Virginia



"Fitz"

Economics and Business

PVT 4,3,2,1.

Rats: Bryan Maner, Keyun Wang



Andrew D. Fleenor
Mechanicsville, Virginia

I will always look back on my time at VMI as the longest four years of my life filled with some of the best memories. When I started my cadetship I never could have guessed how the people I met and the experiences I had would shape who I am as a person. I had never known the lengths to which I could push myself and still keep going. The greatest thing I will take with me as I leave VMI is the bond I have developed with my brother rats, and in particular my roommates. I will never forget the fun times I shared with them and have developed a true friendship that will last a lifetime. One person in particular that has always been there when I needed her the most was Kelley. She has stuck with me through thick and thin and I will forever be grateful for the devotion and love she has given me, and I look forward to spending the rest of my life with her. Even though it has been the most frustrating, grueling, and painstaking four years of my life, I would not trade it for the world.



"Deebie"

Electrical and Computer Engineering

Dyke: Matthew Williams '07
Rats: Thomas Hudson, James Graves

Class of 2010



"Fox"

Psychology

Army

Delta Cadre 3,2,1

Dyke: Doug Hague '07
Rats: Keaton Neeb,
Donald Dunn

Delta, I served you as corporal, Master Sergeant and as your XO. Words cannot express the pride I have in you. You are what made this my experience worthwhile. You are what this place should be. For those of you who I have trained, I hope that I have inspired you to continue the Mad Dog tradition so that whenever I return, I can look to the 4th stoop and say…that's a Delta rat. My Roommates- my best friends, I <3 you. My Rats- "do big things" To the stains on my ring: Wisdom shouts in the street, She lifts her voice in the square; At the head of the noisy streets she cries out; "How long, O naive ones, will you love being simple-minded? I will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your dread comes, When your dread comes like a storm And your calamity comes like a whirlwind, When distress and anguish come upon you. "So they shall eat of the fruit of their own way. And be satiated with their own devices. "For the waywardness of the naive will kill them, And the complacency of fools will destroy them" - Proverbs 1



Shawn A. Fox
Chesapeake, Virginia



"Lt Dan" "Uncle Frederick"

Mechanical Engineering

Cadre 3,2,1

Dyke: Watthisan Luangjinda '07
Rats: Darren Waters,
David Kellerman

Check out their picture … that was 8 years ago. When I weighed 95 pounds and decided to play football see how strong I could become. Searching for a challenge and preparation for a life in the Army, I chose VMI where I find myself today. Your 'accomplishments' pale in comparison to the value of the experiences and lessons you can learn by challenging yourself. Pay for my own college, conquer Mechanical Engineering, learn from and then teach my peers, and take the New Market March to the next level. These are challenges that I took on to learn from, and to add meaning to my time in barracks. The fact that I accomplished these things is meaningless compared to what I learned from them. Ultimately, VMI probably has never lived up to its potential as a military institution, but that does not mean that individuals cannot learn valuable lessons from the challenges offered. If only they choose to take them. To my roommates (present and former), my Rats, MY Company, and fellow cadets … Choose you future, and then take it. MBF



Daniel K. Frederick
Burke, Virginia



"Gardner"

Economics and Business

Cadre 3,2,1

Dyke: Salvatore Sferrazza '07
Rats: Jason Spencer



Mitchell J. Gardner
Poughkeepsie, New York

Class of 2010



Davis R. Garrett
Suffolk, Virginia

Most first classmen see this narrative as a way to get back at VMI for all the hardships they endured during their four year stent. However, after my four years I can honestly say VMI has had an incredible influence on who I am as a person. The everyday obstacles and the people that I struggled through those obstacles with have created a determination and resolve in me that can be forged nowhere else. The people that have any kind of relationship with VMI are a unique group of people and I have been fortunate enough to serve my time with the best of them. As we all go on our own way after graduation...wherever we may go...we always have our time spent at the Institute to keep us bound together and that bond is irreplaceable, it is a one of a kind bond that will never cease to exist. For that I want to thank VMI for putting me in some of the most frustrating situations humanly possible where my dedication to my friends and their dedication to me was the only way out, thus creating the best friendships I have. To my Rats: Shoot high but aim low



"Doc Doc"

Civil and Environmental Engineering

Cadre 3,2; Rugby 4,3,2,1; Alpha Moss Hall Committee Representative 1.

Dyke: Charles Barnes '07
Rats: Sean Noll, Johnnie Godwin



Angie Gomez
Washington D.C.

This place has been a great place to me. It has been difficult at times but I thank God that I am made it. I am happy I came here because I have learned a lot about myself through the good and bad times. I know that one of the greatest things that VMI has done for me aside from my education and helping me in becoming a better professional is that it has made me realize what is important in my life. Just being here and dealing with the many rules, getting to build relationships with some great people, sharing moments with the closer ones has allowed me to grow as a person in every way. I feel that because of these people, the faculty, and all of the people who stood beside me during my cadetship, they are what have made me a stronger person for my future after VMI and I sincerely appreciate everything that these people have done for me. "I don't waste a moment unhappy invaluable moments gone with the leakage of time, As we leave on our own separate journeys, Moving west with the sun to a place buried deep within our minds, Remember the good times..." – Willie Nelson



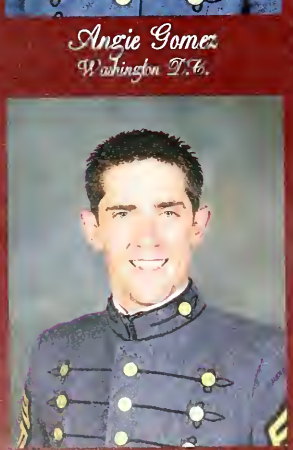
"Amy", "GI-Gadget MEZ"

Biology

Air Force

Rat Challenge 3,2; Big Brother Big Sister 3,2,1 ; Character Counts 3,2,1;

Dyke: Tabitha Pinter '07
Rats: Emma Yancey, Glenda Robertson, Jennifer Andrus



Matthew W. Graham
Moreno Valley, California



"Matt"

International Studies

Army

Rats: Nicholas Bruno, Ben Pedroza

Class of 2010



"G"

History

Cross Country 4,3; Track 4,3; Virginia Historical Society 3,2,1.

Dyke: Graham Forbes '07
Rats: Trae Mann, Chris Guaglianone



"Kenny"

Mechanical Engineering

RDC 1.

Dyke: Isaac Ortland '07
Rats: Justin Dalton, Zeke Dodd



"Griff"

Civil and Environmental Engineering

Dyke: Jeb Pinkerton '07
Rats: Tyler Weston, Mitchell Banning

To my parents and grandparents: There's no way I could've done it without you. I didn't know or like it at the time, but you prepared me well to make it at a place like VMI. Thank you. Trae and Chris: It doesn't matter what you decide to do here; just do it right, do it well, and above all be honorable. Remember, it's a game. To my Brother Rats: It hasn't always been fun and it's never been easy, but we truly are the happy few, we band of brothers. I wouldn't trade my experiences with y'all for anything. I've learned more from all of you than any classroom or professor has ever taught me, and I dread the day we all go our separate ways as much as I'm thrilled to never have to wake up for RRC again. I've lived with some of the best guys I'll ever know, and I'm better for having shared the pain, suffering, frustration, and privilege that is the VMI education with all of you.



Garland Gray III
Williamsburg, Virginia



Kenneth S. Green
Waverton, Virginia



James G. Griffith
Wilmington, North Carolina

Class of 2010



Abraham A. Gross
Roseville, Michigan



"Abe", "The HIV"

Civil and Environmental Engineering and Applied Mathematics

Rifle Team 4,3.

Dyke: Patrick Young '07



Troy J. Guthrie
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Out of the night that covers me,
Black as the pit from pole to pole,
I thank whatever Gods may be
for my unconquerable soul.
In the fell clutch of circumstance
I have not winced nor cried aloud.
Under the bludgeoning of chance
My head is bloody, but unbowed.
Beyond this place of wrath and tears
Looms but the horror of the shade,
And yet the menace of the years
Finds and shall find me unafraid.
It matters not how strait the gate,
How charged with punishments the scroll,
I am the master of my fate,
I am the Captain of my soul.



"T.J."

International Studies

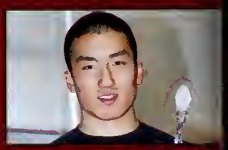
Football 4,3,2,1.

Dyke: Jon Peel '07
Rats: Mark Hornfeck, John Evans



Jeffrey L. Kuthemeya
Burke, Virginia

Time here at VMI passed very quickly, as I suspect all cadets agree (at some point). Daily life here is a continuous cycle I realize is perfect for me. Of course there were the good and bad times, good being Ring Figure; bad being a continuous list! All in all the time here and the people I met was all I could have asked for. For the guys I hung out most (you know who you are), thanks for everything, especially during the last year here where we got out of this place for once with a car and of course the FCP privilege. For the Powerlifting team, stay strong and work hard. Don't let Coaches grumpiness get you down when you're lifting (I still love ya Coach), just have fun and push yourself to your limits. To my Rats strive to be the best you can and don't have any regrets. I do not have any doubt that you won't succeed here at VMI, just be active and don't just focus on grades; have some fun, do some extracurricular activities! Well VMI, it's been great! Thanks for the memorable experiences and development as a leader!



"Lee"

History

Army

Sgt 2; S-6 1; Powerlifting 3,2 S-3 1.

Dyke: Sean Hingley '07
Rats: Bibbie Chang

Class of 2010



"Rach"

Mechanical Engineering

Navy

Jazz Band 4,3,2,1; Glee Club 3,2,1; Softball 3; Martial Arts Club 2, Engineering Club 2,1

Dyke: Laura Hash '07
Rats: Ashley Gernhardt, Jennifer McCracken

The best decision I have ever made was to go to VMI. The whole experience has been incredible and for that I need to thank Laura, for being encouraging and supportive and showing me the ropes; Mom and Dad, for telling me that quitting was not an option; Sarah, for being the best sister I could ever hope to have here; and my roommates Virginia and Sarah (and Marin) for being great friends. Oh and of course Jim, for being, well, Jim.

To all the rattics, congratulations, and I wish you the best of luck in all your endeavors here and after.



Rachel E. Kalnon
Richmond, California



"S.J."

History, Modern Languages: German

Glee Club 4,3,2,1; The Cadet 1; Pipe Band/Competition pipe band 3,2,1; Cadet Bugler 3,2,1; Club Softball 3,2

Dyke: Laura Hash '07
Rats: Umi Hyon, Molly Hastings

I am the Pipe Major for the VMI Pipes and Drums, oddly enough when I was a rat, I didn't even know what a pipe major was, let alone how to be one, and the copy editor for The Cadet. I am usually easygoing but if I have a problem with something, I don't let it go easily. I enjoy hearing cool stories from alumni. My dyke line is important to me. I was very lucky to have the best dyke and grand-dyke ever I think Band Company is the best on the Hill. If anyone says any different then they have not been to a scottish festival. I am grateful for everything that Laura did for me, for meeting Jim, for Laura's parents, for Colonel John Brodie and Major Bart Mitchell and their support and instruction in band, Glee Club, and the Pipe Band, and to my family, especially my grandmother for their support and encouragement.



Sarah J. Kalnon
Richmond, California



"Turk", "Brother Darkness"

International Studies

Army

Color Guard 2; S3 1; Special Actions Detachment 2; Mixed Martial Arts 1.

Dyke: Dustin Dodge '07
Rats: Mike Hixson, Nate Grat

It is difficult to describe my feelings for VMI. It's not what I thought it would be, but so much more than I ever expected. As we, the great and terrible class of 2010, near the end of our cadetship I notice that many of you share my mixed feelings. I have also noticed some of you look towards our graduation as a parting of ways. That is a sentiment we do not share; we are not parting ways, for there is only one way to go from here....forward. So I have no parting words for my Brother Rats, I will see you again somewhere down the road. To my Rats, continue to push forward and know that you do not walk this road alone; if you falter gather strength from your BRs that walk next to you. To my Brother Rats who have walked that stretch of the road with me, let's get the hell out of here!



Arturo D. Harvey
Fredricksburg, Virginia

Class of 2010



Jared N. Hendee
Modesto, California

To my BRs: Within these cold concrete walls of barracks I have been challenged in all ways imaginable, and when I sometimes fell short of making these challenges , you all picked up me up and got me through to the next challenge of the VMI gauntlet, whether that be through motivation or putting things in perspective for me. To my roommates: Sean, Alex, Karsten, Dan, and Preston. Gentlemen, I owe everything to you. It is by Gods grace that I was misplaced in our room third class year and you all have truly forged my VMI experience. You have become my tightest of brothers and made me proud of both the great things that we have accomplished and the pain that together we have endured. To Logan: I never would have made it through this God awful place had you not had been here all four years making me laugh through all the suck. While sometimes I had no clue why you were laughing, you lifted my spirits and got me through day after day. To my rats: Nick and Patrick, you both will do well here at VMI, I have no doubt. I wish you both the best of luck; take care of each other and your co-dykes. SEMPER FI!



"The Hendee"

International Studies

Marine Corps

SAO 4,3,2,1; Semper Fi Soci 4,3,2,1; Bravo SGT 2; S-4 3

Dyke: Aaron Kerk '07
Rats: Nicholas Richards, Patrick Simon



Cody J. Kennelly
Bayville, New Jersey

I would like to thank all of my family for your love and support that you all have given me over these last four years. When times were hard and I was doubtful I knew I could always look to "you" for inspiration. The struggle to get to this point was not easy, but "we" have always had each other and together we will always prevail. I'm not going to say that these four long years were painless, but am I glad that they are coming to an end? That answer is not easy to come too. I have made some of the best friends of my life here, brothers that will stand by my side when ever I call upon them. We are a family, simply because we chose to take the road less travelled. I will cherish the good times and if I had the choice to do it all over again with the same group of guys, then Hell Yes!

ALPHA 10'



"Sunshine"

History

Cadre 3; KDC 1; Ring Figure Committee 2

Dyke: Peter Kirkendall '07
Rats: Edgar Soto, Adam Hollis



Joshua D. Hill
Stafford, Virginia

My opinion of the time spent here has changed vastly over the years. Now, looking back I can't say it was the best of times, but the experiences, knowledge gained, and people met are priceless. To my family and friends: I thank you all. You guys have helped me through some of the hardest struggles of my life; your efforts mean more to me than you will ever know.

To my roommates Chris, Link, and Mike... and Sean still. Love you all. You guys are like brothers to me. Couldn't have done it without you and I know I can always count on you guys to be there for me!



"Josh"

Economics and Business

Dyke: Matt Davis '07
Rats: Bryce Garrison

Class of 2010



"Lance"

Mechanical Engineering

Marine Corps

Club Lacrosse 4,3; Lacrosse 3,2; Rugby 1; NCMT 3,1

Dyke: Nate Rasnick '07
Rats: Chris Wagner; Ryan Wheeler

These 4 years have really flown by. VMI has brought me the best times and worst times of my life so far. From marching PTs to weekends at JMU, it has really been interesting. I'd like to thank my parents, my girlfriend, all my dykes, Nate, Nate and Alex, and of course the class of 2010, especially my roommates for helping me through the rough times and being there to celebrate the best times. To my brother rats, we've been through a lot and finally we are finishing it up. Go forth and do great things. I can't wait for those reunion weekends. To my rats, stay motivated and keep up the good work. You'll be here before you know it.



Robert L. Kindle, Jr.
Baltimore, Maryland



"Drew"

Mechanical Engineering

Marine Corps

Dyke: James Sandman '07
Rats: Alexander Erber



Andrew R. Horgan
Joliet, Michigan



"Turok", "Brother Darkness"

Biology

Wrestling 4,3,2; Rugby 1; RDC 1; Club Wrestling 1; MMA Team 1.

Dyke: Corey Murray '06
Rats: Antonio Wood

Man I just went my diploma.



Jonathan R. Horne
Falls Church, Virginia

Class of 2010



Timothy R. Howard

Fredricksburg, Virginia

The VMI experience has truly been a road of ups and downs. You have your good days, (which are usually just ok) and you have your bad days (which make you question the reason you came to this place). Regardless of the reason we come, we all made the decision to push through it and walk the long road to graduation. I want to personally thank my family, first my parents, Michael and Arleen, and my brother and sister, Kevin and Elizabeth. Without their constant support and encouragement this whole journey would not have been possible. I want to thank my roommates for finding a comical side to every bad situation and to somehow make it better; together we got through it all. In a weird way I will miss coming back to the room and receiving a welcoming greeting of profanity or other forms of obscene gestures hoping to somehow get a laugh. However, I will not miss, pointless formations, raping my ducks or being told I have a curfew at 22 years old. To my Rat: Kevin, this place will eat at you at times but don't let it get you down, you are a good kid and will make it to the end.



"Tim"

Civil and Environmental Engineering

Army

S-6 3,2,1; Football 4,3.

Dyke: Jamil Kareem '07
Rats: Kevin Curran



Richard M. Kozik

Great Falls, Virginia

Coming to VMI was one of the best decisions I ever made. It has been an awesome ride and I can honestly say I will really miss being here. VMI has taught me so much that I wouldn't have gotten at a normal school. The pressure of the VMI system has been so much more useful than my knowledge gained in the classroom. Putting up with everything VMI throws at you is a great challenge. I lived by the verses "An idle man will suffer hunger" (Proverbs 19:15) and "I can do all things through him who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13). Living by these verses helped me in so many ways. Keeping faith in the VMI way of life is always difficult and it's amazing how such simple verses can help so much. Every time I visited a normal college, I always thought of how much more I have been given from my experience at the mother I. My BKs made everything worthwhile because of their friendship and support. Hopefully, I have helped them as much as they have helped me.



"Mikey"

Economics and Business

Air Force

Honor Court 2,1; Cadre 3; Club Wrestling 1.

Dyke: Kyle Snider '07
Rats: Mike Schiffer;
Joey Zarella



Joshua A. Hughes

Oak Hill, West Virginia

Call 445 forever! minus Zuber; FTroop, screw the rest; Troop HKs hog-tying me, shaving my eyebrow and the subsequent rat riot lock-in and sweat party was my birthday present rat year; snowball fights; Army scholarship 3rd class year; 1st semester 3rd class year roommate shenanigans; trying to keeping grades up. To my folks: I owe everything to you all. You were my motivation for staying here and doing my best. I love you all! To my FTroop brothers: You are truly my brothers and I am going to miss you all. You always kept it interesting and I'll never forget the memories we made. To my rats: keep your head on straight and your grades up. Work hard and never do anything less than your best. To VMI: thanks for the suck. I wouldn't do it again but it I'm sure it was all for the best.

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"Donkey D", "Dee Dust"

International Studies

Army

Ranker 3,2,1; Cadre 2; Rangy Challenge 2; Ring Figure Executive Committee 2; Army Rat S-4

Dyke: Matthew Hejchak '07
Rats: Will Spices,
Jake Chambers

Class of 2010

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Economics and Business

Football 4,3,2,1.

Dyke: Adam Peters '07
Rats: Adam Morgan, Robert Collins



Kyle R. Hughes
Williamsburg, Virginia



"Hummer", "Humbolt"

Biology

Football 4,3; Club Crozet (Cadet Writer) 2,1

Dyke: Marc Daniel '07
Rats: Alan Gharib

"...I have seen that in any great undertaking it is not enough for a man to depend simply upon himself" Ena-la-wica (Titan Sioux)

Through the good times and bad, the sober times and the impaired, it's been a trip and an experience. The crazy outings, days at the cabin, in the garage, and the wild nights... guys, I'll never forget 'em. Those memories will dwindle out those long nights of studying and the too many ludicrous "how to" events. As I wanted to accomplish, the goals I've set for myself, my ambitions, only two are left...both long term and in progress, but by winning the Bassmaster Classic will fulfill one of them. Lastly, I want to thank all who apply for your love and support, you have my grateful respect



James R. Kummer
Frogtown, Virginia

2010

International Studies

Dyke: Jonathan Everess '06



Michael S. Huffman
Lexington, Virginia

Class of 2010



Austin L. Hunt
King, George, Virginia

So I have decided that, yes, I hate this place. I hate the ridiculous petty power moves by everyone from overeager yuk sergeants to people who should actually know better, the fact that I had a bottom, could get grounded at 2, and had food that you were generally better off not asking about. That being said, yes I will admit it. I love this place. I love being able to take people at their word always, and you will not find better people anywhere. For my parents thanks for everything, even if you were a bit overzealous with your "don't you want to transfer to JMU or Tech?". To my Brother Rats thank you and congratulations, it's been a hell of a trip. To my Rats, "Time flies with speed of arrow!" You have quite a bit of suck left, but looking back on it I would'nt swap it for anything. Keep it up; I expect to be back here in 2013 to harass my Grandrats.



Dyke: Anthony Raffaele '07
Rats: John Heller,
Tim Quinn



Ross W. Hussmann
Newport, North Carolina

VMI has taught me much over the years I have been here. I've learned about perseverance, friendship, loyalty, integrity, and a little bit about history as well. Thank you to all of you who made this place bearable and occasionally fun. I love my family, thank you for all the work you've done for me, both before and during this experience. Thanks Byron, for doing your best with what you got. Andrew, good luck, and don't let the system beat you down. To Mersey, John, James, and Ben: we had some good times. Please never grow up guys. Wednesday Night Brothers- I will always be praying for God's will in your lives. Aaron: Please don't break the Drumline or Roundtable after I'm gone.



"The Huss"

History

Army

CWRT 4,3,2,1; Theater 3,2,1; Frisbee 2; Flag Football 1; Karate 4,3; VA Historical Society 2,1; CADET 3,2.

Dyke: Byron Fridley '07
Rats: Andrew Nelson



Michael B. Hutchings
Lexington, Virginia

My time here was a learning experience to say the least. I grew much as a person, and am sure that no other school in the nation could have better prepared me for what the future holds than VMI. I have become closer with friends than ever imagined, and will always have some one to call on for help if ever needed. My dedication lies to the RDC. I know no other system at VMI, bar the Honor Court, that is untouched and allowed to operate independently. It was a tremendous learning experience, and I would not have chosen a better set of individuals that before my eyes would transform into such a cohesive unit. To my Rats: Remember the little things I told you, and do not lose your sense of humor here. There are people that will want to see you fail; be that man that we can depend on to succeed if we expect it. Ms and I most of all, don't let them see you sweat. To my Roommates: Here's to bloody battlefields and fast promotions. I'll see you on the Beach.



"Mike", "Hutch"

Modern Languages and Cultures

Army

Football 4,3; RDC 2,1.

Dyke: David Metzler '07
Rats: Bill Austin, Ryan Dic

Class of 2010



Economics and Business

PIG 3,2,1; Cadet Writer 3,2,1.

Dyke: Grant Weatherford '07
Rats: Kaleb Long,
Ombri Rivers

If you know me well, you know that I relate most everything to sports, even when it's either completely inappropriate or simply non-applicable. In either case, I'll always look back at VMI with a lingering sense of what could have been. I regret coming here like Joe Dumars regrets drafting Darko Milicic. True, the Pistons won the title the next year with him on their bench. But when they could have had Carmelo Anthony, Dwyane Wade, or Chris Bosh to pair with their lineup instead, it kills to wonder how many more championships they would have won. My point here is this: even though I did well here, I truly believe that if I had attended almost any other regular school, I could have accomplished so much more. My ceiling would be much higher; not to mention I would have actually enjoyed a college social life. Instead I now have a weak degree that carries little potential. VMI – you will always be my Darko Milicic; take that as you will. To my friends – I love you all and wish you the best. To the other 96% of you – well, you can fill in the blank.



Jasrod S. Imalani
Portland, Oregon



"The Gorilla", "Trung"

Psychology

Rugby 3,2,1.

Dyke: Elijah Huston '07
Rats: John Neatrour

When I look back on these four years as a VMI Cadet at the Virginia Military Institute, one thing comes to the mind, the story of a rugby player and his determination on a trip to Charleston, South Carolina. This brave young cadet went with the rest of the rugby squad to take on VMI's arch rival The Citadel. After a great game in which VMI clobbered the Bulldogs, the cadet knew it was time to fully enjoy the city of Charleston. The players all celebrated by attending Rynds Steakhouse where they ate their hearts out. The cadet was wrisked on by a very upstanding lady, by the name of Angel. The rest, well, is history.

Death Before Dishonor



Michael D. Johnson
Fairfax, Virginia



"Nay-Nay", "Freezary"

Psychology

Rugby 4,3; Cadet Battery 2,1; Ring Figure Committee 3,2;

Dyke: Casey Grey '07
Rats: Patrick Pittard,
Tyler Wingo

One hell of a ride it's been! It seems like only yesterday when I matriculated into the Old Corps… when we proudly jogged past the sorority houses in our super motivating shorty shorts and when we had access to the wonderful panini grills. To my roommates: thank you for everything! Without you guys, I would be lost in the sauce. Jon, seriously, get a bigger truck… the F-350 isn't big enough to compensate for your lack of motivation. Dave, if it wasn't for your infatuation with Miley Cyrus and Katy Perry, I would think something was wrong with you. But you're all right for a Yankee. Dan, the broken bone videos have scarred me for life. To all the rest of you knuckle-heads that I don't have the space to mention, I am truly blessed to have great friends like you. To Mom, Dad, Robert, Sarah, and all my other family, thank you so much for supporting me. I wouldn't be here without you guys I love you all! Lastly, to the rats: Tyler, ignore those frat-boy tendencies. Patrick, for the love of God, stay out of trouble. Yut! Kill! Stab! Death!



Alan M. Johnstone II
Gaffney, South Carolina

Class of 2010



Carl S. Josey
Surrey, England

What can I say..... I made the choice to come here, therefore I had to live with the consequences. Learned lots of lessons about life from my experiences at VMI, what to do and what not to do. Must say I can't wait to get back to England... ... I will miss people through, certain people will not be missed if your close to me you know who they are.

"Don't ever let the walls that come block your success in life stop you from your goals, find a way to break through them no matter what" – Carl Josey



Psychology
Business

NCAA Basketball 4,3,2,1.

Dyke: Jack Castleberry '07
Rats: Joe Carr



Pete S. Kavonis
Topsham, Maine

To my family and my friends. You know who you are. I do not need to say names. You are some of the best people I have ever met. I applaud each of you and wish you all the best. To everyone else, harden up. Life sucks, wear a helmet and have fun. Do what you say and say what you do. Fear the short bus. "Every normal man must be tempted at times to spit on his hands, hoist the black flag, and begin to slit throats" -H.L. Mencken



"Peanut Pete", "PJ"

International Studies

Marine Corps

Cadre 3,2,1; Rat challenge 2; NCMT 3,2

Dyke: Tyler Freeman '07
Rats: Ben Cross, Frank Overstreet



John P. Keilty III
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

I was ugly And awfully small There was hardly any of me at all Undulating, without a sound Along the ground God had to smile When he looked at me And saw such asymmetry So, he took some air, and earth, and things and fish Formed a pair of gossamer wings Then colored them with rainbows hue so every one could enjoy the view He smiled my gift, and heaven heaved a sigh And I became a butterfly And now I share With that special few Who wear the wings Now blue That magic gift to rise and flee The mystic bonds of gravity And race into the azure sky The gift to fly, to fly, to fly! Grandpa Keilty Jack, 5 years ago you dreamed of attending VMI and commissioning. Through hard work, perseverance, commitment and passion you made this dream come true. Your VMI ride was remarkable and after 2 years of football, two knee surgeries, a tour in the rat line, an assignment in cadre, summer school at Rose and Mexico, and 2 years on 2nd battalion staff, you have made us all very proud. Keep the faith. Stay the course! Congrats Airborne, USA, NAVY! Love, Mom, Dad, Kate, and Kelly



"Jack"

History

Navy

Dyke: Jordan Combs '07
Rats: Michael Andriani

Class of 2010



"Dass", "Dassy"

International Studies

NCAA Lacrosse 4, 3, 2 1;
RDC 1; Cadet Server 1;

Rats: James VanWie

To the Lacrosse team: It was a hell of a ride Fellas; first team to ever make it to the MACC championship; that's what's up. Coach Shirk, Thanks for everything you did for me and the team. Never would've gotten there without you. To my Rat James, I bet if you ever actually read this you'll laugh, but just keep the grades up and keep balling with lax; you'll be out of this place in no time. Never forget the stuff I told you and taught you. Listen to coach Shirk, the guy knows what the deal is. To the rest of the corps, I really don't think too highly of many of you, and am looking forward to not having to see most of you on a regular basis ever again. And Finally to the Wise Guys, what can I say? Never expected to find a group of friends like you guys at this dump, but what'll know. Guess I lucked out.



Sean M. Kennedy
Floral Park, New York



"Ty", "Tyler"

Electrical and Computer Engineering

Club Soccer 4,3,2,1; Cadre 1; IEEE 4,3,2,1; The Cadet 2,1.

Rats: John Kuhl,
Kirk Lambert

This 4 my and sometimes overwhelmingly fun stay here in barracks has been made possible by my friends and family. I can't begin to imagine truly going through the Ratline without the constant support and motivation from my family, not to mention their seemingly constant visits here taking me to Wal-Mart, to eat, to the movies etc. For that and everything I can more thankful than words can describe. Mom and Dad, Kelsey and Kylie, here's to you. And here's to my friends, my brother rats and otherwise. Without those third class trips to JMU and Tech I might have lost my mind. Chris, Clint, Pat, Dunk, Drew, Nick, thank you for every movie, every episode of TV, all the game nights where we just blew it off. To my EE classmates, thank you for all your help, because I know I couldn't have passed without it. To my rats John and Kirk, keep at it, do the right thing, and work hard, and I'll see you graduate in three short years. Most importantly, take some risks and make some memories; this place is as much fun as you make it. And to Lauren, thank you for an amazing two years. Thank you. I love you all Tyler



James C. Kerr
Roanoke, Virginia



Biology

Marine Corps

Rats: Robert Dilley,
Matthew, Seinfeld

I do not have the words to explain my feelings towards the Institute. I had trouble coming up with what to say. I guess I can say that my experience has been like a roller coaster… having good times and bad. To all those who I was close to, we had some great times together…and more to come. To those who I did not know as well….sorry we never had the pleasure.



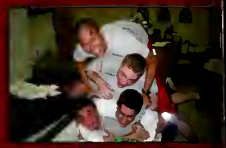
Steven M. Kerr
Onondaga, New York

Class of 2010



Raymond A. Kirchner
Midlothian, Virginia

I started out as a CE Major but after encountering more letters than numbers, retaking calc I and II so many times that my head hurt, and the sight of my GPA approaching an all time low… I had to "exit stage right." Contrary to what the engineers would tell you, ECBU did not exactly welcome me with open arms. After having my Ac advisor chase me down SSH with a wooden stick screaming, "Debits left, Credits right!" I knew not to mess with the dirty. Now that I have over 150 credits under my belt (24 from summer school), I think of myself as a "real" distinguished graduate. I learned time management like a pro, balancing sports with training rats, and keeping my grades above Ac pro. To my roommates: Jon, Sam, and Wu 431, 331, 231, 331, you will be lifelong friends. Mom and Dad, I couldn't have done it without you. Those calls home are what kept me going. In the end however, I owe it all to Jesus. He led me to come to VMI, and He helped me get off the back row! "There is no wisdom, no insight, no plan that can succeed against the Lord." - Proverbs 21



"RayK 47", "Umpa Lumpa"

Economics and Business

Cadre 3,2,1; Powerlifting 2,1

Dyke: Brad Wilson '07
Rats: Tom Battiato



Edgar C. Knapp IV
New Allen, Virginia



History

Dyke: Ryan Hopping '07
Rats: Michael Scaplehorn



Conrad J. Knight
Shirley, Virginia

Hard to believe I have made it through this place. It has been a struggle at times and it has been great at times. The one thing I will miss the most is the friendships I have made here, especially my roommates. From Dave's constant complaining, Chad's lady problems, Fletcher's outbursts of rage towards inanimate objects, and Will's humor, but not his unwillingness to look into that man. The time has come now to move on to the real world and I welcome it with open arms. I wish the best of luck to my roommates, the guys on the rugby team, and the Class of 2010 in all their future endeavors. To the Rats of 141, just keep chugging along and your time here will end sooner than you can believe. Best of luck to all 8 of you, and none of you better quit.



"CJ"

Mechanical Engineering

Air Force

Rugby 4,3,2,1; CEA 1.

Dyke: Ryan McLean '07
Rats: Jeff Lexa, Craig Lang

Class of 2010



"AJ"

Modern Languages and Cultures

Navy

Dyke: Wayne Huggins '07
Rats: Will Alewine, Ted Harrison

Here's to the best four years of my life. It's weird to think that only a short time ago, I was looking on this place as an outsider praying that I could get in, and now I look at this place from the eyes of a cadet and hope to God I can make it out. The people whove got me through have been my parents, my wonderful fiancée Jenn, and my friends, especially Will, Clint, Jon, and Rory. Here's to the best roommates anyone could ask for. Now my rats, that's a different story. Ted and Will, you two have a great start at making it to graduation because you have a great dyke like me, don't forget that. I leave on this thought; this school has given me so much that I can never repay it. It gave me my fiancée, a great group of friends, and ties that will never be broken.



Anthony J. Korbely
Armada, Michigan



International Studies

Marine Corps

RDC 1; Rifle Team 4,3,2,1; NCMT 2,1.

Dyke: Mike Golike '07
Rats: Cole Knapp, Fred Vilushis

To my Rats: My deepest hope is that I was able to be not only a good dyke who gave you all the tools needed to succeed here, but also a friend that you will keep in touch with despite the crazy twists and turns this life throws at us. You are stronger and better men for dealing with your uncle dykes and myself, of this I am sure. To all those I consider friends: The expectations are the same for you to keep in contact after we have moved on from this place. Those of you that I had the honor of calling a friend that are not in the great class of 2k9, I ask you follow my example and take the time to get to know underclassmen as I did. There is a wealth of knowledge and experience to be gained from them, and to those of you commissioning, we will be serving side by side despite when we graduate!. Roommates: Well, what can be said? Nothing that would make sense to anyone who may read this in years to come that is for certain. So lets just skip it…

To Bloody Battlefields and Fast Promotions-



John M.R. Kuhlins
Hamlin, New York



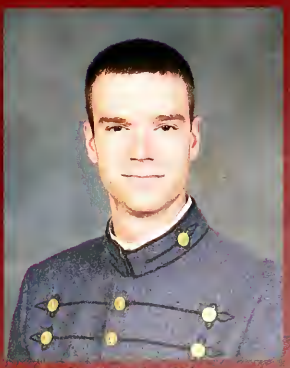
"Scott"

History

Cadet Waiter 3,2,1.

Dyke: Josh Pribble '07

I believe in, and one could even say admire, the IDEA of the Virginia Military Institute. As a naive Rat, I learned some extremely valuable lessons: life isn't fair; deal with it; things aren't always going to go your way, deal with it. However, as my Cadetship progressed, I became more and more aware of the corruption and injustice inherent in the VMI system, and I slowly became jaded to the VMI I attended. I became aware of the crucial difference between fact and truth. Fact: Cadets do not lie, cheat, steal, nor tolerate those who do. Truth: The existence of the Honor Court proves otherwise. Fact: All cadets receive equal punishment for equal infractions. Truth: Rank, athletic status, parents, and other external factors dramatically influence the severity of the punishment you receive. I held no serious rank, nor did I play any sport; I am the first of my family to go here. Despite all these "negative" aspects of my cadetship, I stuck through it till the Institute decided I could go. Some may say it wasn't worth it. Fact: Things will change upon graduation. Truth: Life isn't fair; deal with it.



Scott A. Krieger
Dumfries, Virginia

Class of 2010



Michael T. Kromm
Moorpark, California

Our school is far from perfect and to many people for that very reason they hate it. The reality is our school no matter what we do will never live up to the expectations which have been set. However it is from those imperfections that we gain the opportunities to grow and learn. No matter whom you are or what you do at VMI you will be faced with opportunities to grow as a person and help improve our school. Take them and use them, do not waste four years here moaning about VMI. Use the time to better yourself or the Institute, but at the very least make your closest friends. In the end that is what this place really boils down to "The people". What makes VMI are our Friends and all the things we go through together. The bonds we make over our time here at this school are why this Institute shall never die. To my friends thank you for everything and I look forward to the times ahead. To my rats I am proud of you and I expect nothing, but your best. This place is what you make it. Make the best of it.



"Kromme"

Applied Mathematics

Marine Corps

S-1 3,2,1; Rat Challenge 3,...

Dyke: Chris ChangLee '07
Rats: Joey Pennyese, Charlie Shutt



Jeffery R. Kulat
Little Silver, New Jersey



History

Dyke: Adam Reed '07
Rats: James Conlon



Carter L. Kunz
Virginia Beach, Virginia

It has been a long yet rewarding journey. One that has taken me from a high school goof off to an educated adult. I can remember the tough debate on whether I should attend a party school, or make the tough decision and do what is best. Matriculating August 19th was honestly the best decision of my life thus far. To my brother rats in Alpha and Air Force, you are truly one of a kind and are the ones who I owe my gratitude to... From houses in Nags Head to Mud Boys to Steve Andrade, without you this experience would have been significantly worse. To my roommates: Bob, Cody, Sharkey, and Zach -or- Bobby Ofen, Cpl. C, Shirkdejerk, and Zachariassen are irreplaceable. You have been there for the good and bad times and have kept each other laughing no matter what the situation. I wish you all the best of luck in your future endeavors. To my family, I can't thank you enough for your constant support and words of wisdom. You have been a guiding light the past 4 years. To my Rats Ryan and Marcus, stay classy. I expect great things from you.



"Car Crash"

Mechanical Engineering

Air Force

Cadre 3,2,1; Rat Challenge 3,... NCMT 3; New Market March AF FTT 3,2,1; ASME 4,1

Dyke: Jonathan Fredricks '...
Rats: Ryan Eldredge, Marcus Sutter

Class of 2010



Psychology

Air Force

Track and Field 4,3,2,1.

Dyke: Brittani Mack '07
Rats: Katherine Collins

All that you see or seem, is but a dream within a dream. They who dream by day are cognizant of many things which escape those who dream only by night. -Edgar Allan Poe



Kate M. Lamneck
Swoope, Virginia



"Land-it", "I"

International Studies

Marine Corps

Cadre 3; RDC 1.

Dyke: Jeff Choma '07
Rats: Blake Bryant

2 Timothy 4:6-7 "For I am being poured out as an offering to God, and the time for my departure is close. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have kept the faith." Although I have stumbled and fallen many times along this race of my cadetship, and at times hated it, I have developed some of the strongest and most meaningful friendships I could ever imagine. Throughout my time here, I have seen God watching over and protecting me even when I chose to ignore Him. To all my roommates over the years: I wish I had more space to talk about each of you, but just know every one of you have had a significant impact on me, all for good. To my parents and grandparents: I cannot express enough thanks to you for your constant prayers and support for me. I don't know what I would have done without your Christ-like love and forgiveness towards me. To my posse of rats: Don't forget why you came here, and strive every day to make this place like what you dreamed it would be and don't EVER back down on your faith.



Preston M. Lanlt
Cypress, Texas



"Scott"

History

Pipe Band 4, 3, 2, 1; Color Guard 3; Rat Challenge 3; Theatre 2, 1; Sounding Brass 2, 1; Timmons Gentry Music Society 1; The Cadet 1;

Dyke: Jonathon Woloshuk '07
Rats: Beau Ryan, Matt Sewell

I now undertake the hopeless task of summing up a cadetship in two hundred words. I am tempted to call out all those silly souls who make VMI as ironically exasperating as it is, but in the end, what would that do? I have seen more here than I thought possible; love, hate, madness, futility, actualization, hope, and calm assurance of faith in the present. I have acquired a healthy hatred for elitism, classism, ignorance, and small-mindedness, while gaining the utmost appreciation for the ancient values of benevolence, veracity, and the art of silence. I have seen the power of soul, the titanic rise of metal, and the beauty of funk. I shall never forget Pipe Band shenanigans, falling over tables and through railings in theatre, and the innumerable good times to be had in the coolest room in barracks. I have seen the madness of men paraded in the streets of a dozen cities, and the firmest and best bonds that any me could aspire to on this side of eternity. I have no room in me for regret or misgiving. Everyone, stay funky and keep rocking. To my family, both of blood and of bond, I thank you.



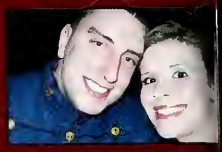
Jared C. Lawson
Chesterfield, Virginia

Class of 2010



Chris M. Leach
Raphine, Virginia

Pat, you and me have been through thick and thin together. I know you always have my back and you should know I will always have yours. Wade, we have been friends forever. Let's not lose that. Matt, I haven't known you for too long but you're a cool cat, keep in touch. Rapp, you rock man, don't go getting Five Star on me and forget to take me golfing! James and Phil, you guys may not notice it but you both have grown a lot since I first met you. I am glad I was able to help mold you into men. Carry on my legacy and what I taught you and all of your dreams will be lying at your feet. Keep in touch and come visit. T, my father, I know you're proud, you don't have to say it; I just hope I can someday be the man that you are. "The true test of a man is not where he stands in times of comfort, but where he stands in times of adversity and controversy." Proverbs 24:10



"Leachonidus"

Mechanical Engineering

NCAA Football 4,3,2,1; Engineering Club 3,2,1; ASME President 1;

Dyke: Pete Kelpar '07
Rats: Phillip Pickens, James Snyder



Brett A. Leonard
Laurel, Maryland

Where to begin. Thank you Mom and Dad, I knew these four years of "college" experience were going to be tough from the moment you guys kicked me out of the car and left me here for dead on matriculation day. I'm sorry I helped Mom and Dad trick you into coming here. Hi Catherine. And to the room, sorry I'm not sorry, but I can truthfully say I have no idea why we continued to room together for as long as we did - it sure was miserable. At least we learned something valuable for our future endeavors; life's not fair. Bench and co-dykes, good luck, even though I doubt you'll make it through this place without me. Haha, I'm kidding. Just play the game, it is supposedly worth it once you graduate. Lax C's, keep up the hard work, so many good memories.



Economics and Business

Lacrosse 4,3,2,1.

Dyke: Alex Litz '07
Rats: Kirsten Bench



Chien C. Lin
Taipei, Taiwan

I remember my first year my cadre used to tell us that we will never make it out of here without the help of each other, and that statement still stands true to this day. During hell week while the entire rat mass was swimming across the Maury River I was paddling in circles and slowly drowning with a large chubbie horse in both of my legs, and suddenly two of my EBs reached out and grabbed me. I held on to their legs while they swam across the river with me in the back still kicking my legs about. I would not still be here with all of my fingers and toes on everyday stuff or academics. I wish all of my friends and my rat the best, and that they will achieve great accomplishments in their lives after graduation.

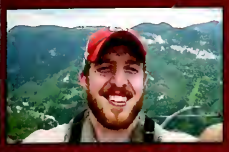


"Linmonster"

Mechanical Engineering

Dyke: Jack Lin '07
Rats: Kenneth Witzman

Class of 2010



Economics and Business

NCAA Lacrosse 4,3,2,1

Dyke: Andrew Milford '07
Rats: Vincent Ferdinandi

This place is not about all the things that separate us from other colleges: meal formations, uniforms, parades, or barracks traditions. Rather, this place is about the bonds formed while enduring whatever VMI throws at you. The true sense of VMI lies within roommates, friends, and teammates. Each has played an essential role in this experience, and all I have to say is: thank-you.



Stephen A. Lindley
Pollstown, Pennsylvania



"Land-it", "P"

Computer Science

od Application Development Club 1; Computer Programming Club 3,2,1; Rat Book 3; Outdoors Club 4;

Dyke: Maury Denton '07
Rats: Mike Spickard

I can't believe it's over, for as long as the individual days seemed to last the last four years flew by. A few years ago I never would have thought that it would but even with all the 7am Saturday morning ERCs, the weekly haircut avoidance ritual, and all those practice parades its all over. To my parents, thanks for all the support over the years and all the long trips down to Virginia, oh and for agreeing to that awesome semester in Australia. To my uncle Tony and my cousin Jeff, Thanks for making the trip down with my parents for all the parents weekends. They were all awesome and a great thing to look forward to. To Maury and my uncle dykes, Thanks for showing me how this place works. I couldn't have made it without you. To Mike and the rats of 119, stay strong it will be over before you know it.



Nicholas J. Lizotte
West Boylston, Massachusetts



"Dave"

International Studies

Marine Corps

restling 4; Boxing 3; Cadre 2,1

Dyke: Jason Brown '07
Rats: Ryhne Seward

Thanks: To my mother and father who without I couldve never accomplished as much as I have. To my roommates Rob and Matt for putting up with everything and making VMI a little more tolerable. Matt, on our twenty year reunion I'll still do the airplane. Rob, on our twenty year reunion you'll be like 70 so I won't want to risk it. To the Rats of room 171, it's been a pleasure and I'll be thinking of you from time to time. To Seward, I couldn't have asked for a better rat.



David N. Lochart
Apokryania, Virginia

Class of 2010



Lance P. Long II
Quinton, Virginia

WORK HARD PLAY HARD

VMI...the epitome of a love hate relationship. The last four years have been like nothing I could have expected, and leaving this place is not going to be as easy as I always thought. I have made friends I will keep in touch with long after our time here at VMI, in short "The Corner" and those who have been a part the last four years, you know who you are...I have to thank my parents, my little brother Dylan, Alexis, and my roommates (323,24",3-124) because I don't know what I would have done without all of your support over the last four years; you all helped more than you may ever know, each in your own individual ways and I'm forever indebted to you for that...to my rat, Forrest you did great this year man. This place can get tough and really get you down at times but keep your head up, take everything in stride and one day at a time, and you will get through this place without a problem...No regrets it was all worth it



Biology

NCAA Wrestling 4,3,2; S-2 ...
Character Counts 2;
Club Wrestling 1; CEA 1

Dyke: Mike Tudor '07
Rats: Forrest Mead



Michael A. Long
Sandsville, Maryland

Aaron & TJ: I have spent what I consider the toughest 4 years I've had to endure in this life with you guys. You both have no idea the amount of influence you've had on my everyday life. Sometimes, you guys were the reason I actually got up and went to formation every morning. Every time I had the thought of quitting something, you were there as guides to keep me pushing through. TJ, you were there to basically bail and keep my behind out of trouble, while Aaron, you were right there getting into trouble with me. I cannot imagine having to wake up at VMI with different roommates than you. I have wanted to quit this journey so many times, and wake up back home, and I can honestly say, sometimes the only thing holding me back, was the loyalty and love I had for my two roommates. I will miss you both dearly and you will forever hold a place with in my heart. Kyle: Keep your head high! This is only the beginning to a life changing experience. I promise your experience at the Institute will pay off. I have faith that you will succeed!



"Long", "Mike"

Economics and Business

Army

Private 4,3,2,1; Wrestling 4,...
Power Lifting 3; A-1 Club 2,

Dyke: Jay Tomysek '07
Rats: Kyle Ceres



Adam T. Lonon
Cumberland, Virginia



Economics and Business

NCAA Basketball 4,3,2,1

Dyke: Fred Robinson '07
Rats: Stanley Okoye

Class of 2010



"D-Lott"

Economics and Business

Marine Corps

Dyke: Chad Rice '07
Rats: Michael Barnett, Taylor Feuerstein



David W. Lottman
Virginia Beach, Virginia



"EMonster", "Zoo Keeper"

Civil and Environmental Engineering

Football 4,3,2,1; ASCE 2,1.

Dyke: Rob Payne '07
Rats: Rob Dickinson, Chris Harper

VMI, it's been quite a roller coaster. Without the Mid-Winter formal, Room 235 parties and weekends, Ring Figure, Friday and Saturday nights at various campuses, I wouldn't have such fond memories. Actually, I don't really remember the details of these events in any way, but I know two things are for sure. One is that I did indeed attend these events and had a great time, and two is that there were ample remnants of bad mistakes taken. Moderation has been a goal for VMI cadets, and I was able to meet this requirement. I only moderately made a fool of myself continually. The future holds many great things, but remember that I am a nobody, nobody is perfect, therefore I am perfect.



Michael R. Louthan
West Boylston, Massachusetts



"Corporal", "Poster Boy"

Mechanical Engineering

RDC 1; NCMT 4.

Dyke: Cody Garrett '06

First and foremost, FTroop you guys have been like family to me. When I'm gone and when I'm here, you have always been there for me. Thank you. Jack Kelly- You're a true friend. You are going to be an outstanding Navy Officer. Ross Dobbins- Not much in stature but you have the biggest heart. My best of luck to you in the Marines. John Price- Your going to be my lawyer one day. You're the only person I know who can argue with a fence post and win. Good Luck in the Navy. Drew Padgett- I don't care how scary you want to be I know you sang my heart away every-day second class year. Ooh-Ee-a SixSilos-...you know I love you big guy. You was right. To everyone in FTroop the best of luck in where ever life can take you....I'll be here for just a few more years... My Family: I know I've been a pain, but I couldn't have gone this far in life without you. Thank you for everything. "There is no other man like him. Whether you love him or hate him both is a privilege. He could be your worst nightmare or your sweetest dream. A United States Marine"



Michael W. Lund
Appalachia, Virginia

Class of 2010



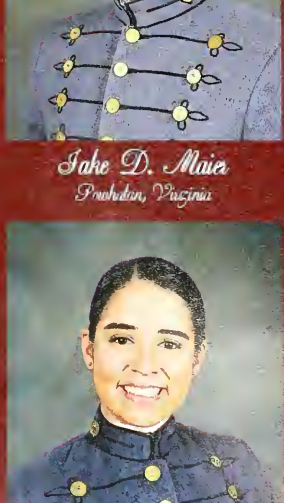
Scott T. MacDonald
Virginia Beach, Virginia

Rat year went fast. Third class year went faster, and Second class even faster. First class year is flying so far. It is unreal how fast the time here goes by. As much as the day to day rigors have drained me, I look back and I am satisfied for the choice I made to come here. Looking back VMI is a great place. It is incredible how fast we all have grown up since coming here. VMI is a place that you can't get through on your own; you have to rely on others to make it. This camaraderie between brothers is part of what VMI so great. For me, I have learned many things from many people. My roommates have been great, thanks guys, you all have been a joy to live with. The adventure crew has been a great way to see and do things I never would have dreamed of. SOUTH-BOUND! Rats, y'all have been great, don't forget what we have taught you, help each other through the next 3 years at VMI, I promise the time will fly! "All our dreams can come true - if we have the courage to pursue them." Walt Disney



Jake D. Maier
Powhatan, Virginia

During this adventure known as a cadetship I have endured many hardships, here, and elsewhere in my life, and had many joyous times as well. As much as we all complain about being cadets and how it was the biggest mistake of our lives I can't help but feel a sense of apprehension when I say I should have gone to a "normal" school. What is normal? For us these small, cramped, prison furniture filled rooms are normal. We came here in '06 not "really" knowing what to expect but are leaving confident, competent individuals ready to take on the "real" world. To my boy Matt, "we have made it from 3rd grade all the way through VMI, who would have ever thought we would survive the lunacy of the past four years, especially when we barely made it through the wilderness of high school?" From the parties at JMU and Tech where we woke up not remembering all the idiocy we performed, to the coffee and energy drink driven late nights of studying, this place has been one hell of an experience. To my Rats, "Cooperate, Graduate, and have as much fun as possible!" --JIM



Julie M. Markow
Canyon Country, California

Well, it certainly has been a long 4 years and yet looking back, it all went by so fast. Although VMI is not the most fun place to be, all my brother rats made me grateful for every minute I've spent here. Boss, you were my rock through every hardship. Andy, you always made me want to be better, not just as a student or cadet but as a person, and Paula, I will always admire your ability to just be yourself. To all of my other rats, you guys are awesome and I will forever cherish the fun times we had together. There is not enough room in this little space for me to mention all of the people who made this place worth coming back to, but you all know who you are! I am already looking forward to those reunion weekends where we can all get drunk and reflect on how it was "in the old corps". This is one of the few places you can spend 4 years trying to get away and once it's over, taking every opportunity to come back; but I guess by now we've learned to stop questioning why this place works the way it does. I wish every cadet in the Class of 2010 the best of luck and look forward to seeing great things from you in the future!



"Scotty"

Mechanical Engineering

Navy

OGA 1; Triathlon 4,3; Navigators 4,3,2,1.

Dyke: Wesley Thomas '07
Rats: Isiah, Xavier Scott

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History

Marine Corps

Reg. Staff 3,2; Rat Challenge NCMT 3,2,1 Endurance Team Discipleship Breakfast 4; CA 4,3,2; Cadet Waiter 2,1; KD

Dyke: Patrick Magno '07
Rats: Greg Olson, Theodore Linville



International Studies

Marine Corps

Cadre 2,1

Dyke: Eri Komura '07
Rats: Annie-Marie Ngetho, Laura Winn

Class of 2010



"Christapor"

International Studies

Rat Cadet 4, 3, 2, 1; CCS 2, 1;
Club Lacrosse 4, 3;
Glee Club 4, 3

Dyke: Deantay Diggs '07
Rats: Frederick Dawson,
Erin McPherson

Finally I've graduated after months of confinement and too many PTs. But I've had some good times: rat rivets, full-outs, 476 "the Q", DrunoBombs, Aussies...the list goes on. I want to thank my dad who said, "If you ever have thoughts of leaving, you haven't gone crazy yet" and my mom who said, "Stay the first year at least, I've already paid for it." Erik, you may not remember, but you were the first person I turned to as a rat about leaving and you assured me I wasn't alone. My dyke Deantay, you're someone I will always idealize. Mitch, I can't even count all of our bunk venting sessions, conquer away. Matt, I know you aren't mad! Thanks for enduring our shenanigans. Sarah, you have always been there for me and I am forever grateful! Thanks grandpa and grammo for your support. Bush and Perry, thanks for turning a blind eye. I gotta thank Dave, Jacob, Laird, and Rachael for all the laughs. Brodie, you're the best band director EVER. To my rats – don't ever forget to have fun and when this place gets you down, your BRs will always be there, and I am just a phone call away.



Christopher R. Martin
Fredericksburg, Virginia

2010

Mechanical Engineering

Dyke: John Terminator '07
Rats: Kevin Jew,
Joshua Russell



John S. Maurice
Parkway, New Jersey



"Matt"

Civil and Environmental
Engineering

Army

Rat Challenge 3,2,1;
Jazz Band 4,3,2,1

Dyke: Matthew Saccone '06
Rats: Josh Clements,
Patrick Coor

As I reflect on my last four years at the Institute, I wonder where the time has gone. The transition from being a Rat to becoming a Dyke came much sooner than I thought would be possible. I feel privileged to have endured four years of rigor at the Institute and I am honored to be among such a fine class of graduates. I am thankful for the many friendships that I have had as these people have helped make life at VMI more bearable and sometimes even a little fun. Words cannot express the appreciation I have for my friends. My family and parents have supported me in all my endeavors and I owe them a lot of credit. I could not ask for a stronger, more loving family. VMI has truly been a once in a lifetime experience. I have no regrets of my decision to attend and I wouldn't trade the lessons I have learned for anything. I wish everyone the best in what they pursue and look forward to when our paths may cross again.



Matthew W. Mawyer
Ashburn, Virginia

Class of 2010



Timothy W. Maypray
Madisonville, Kentucky

First off I want to thank god for giving me this opportunity to be alive. I want to thank all my friends and family for support throughout these past 4 years. I'm giving a special thanks to my mom for being there for me. Shout out to VMI Football, LETS ROCK!



"Tim"

Psychology

Football 4,3,2,1.

Dyke: Keashawn D. Artis'
Rats: Shawn Chapman,
Michael Johnson



Dogucan Mazicioglu
Richmond, Virginia

2010

"MAZI"

Civil and Environmental Engineering

Dyke: Justin Trowbridge '
Rats: Nathan Meade,
Matthew Rogan



Sean K. McCoy
Kenton, Ohio

"Mother I" ah yes, my relationship with you is one marked by dysfunction. At times I love you. At other times frustration, anger, and utter amazement are all that come to mind. Yet, I do appreciate what you've done for me. First, I have realized how important my faith and trust in Christ is... It is not myself, but through Him who allows me to be what ever I resolve to be. To Bloom, Hoosier, The Hendo, D-dub, and Wyoe have been unreal! I am in debt for all you've done for me. I thank you most for the ACEs, DTRs, TUPs, eating the secret cookie cats, and the times we laughed so hard Hauser needed his inhaler! As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another T. Keep fighting the good fight. Don't allow the bitterness, and complacency of other Cadets expand you do to who you are. Push yourself always and never be afraid to get in the trenches with those who struggle. You stand on the shoulders of giants. To my class, I offer one of the greatest quotes of all time by Kevin McCallister.... "You guys give up, yet? Or are you thirsty for more?"



"McHesser", "Shalex"

Biology

Army

NCAA Lacrosse 4,3,2,1; Rin
Figure Committee 3,2; Jacks
Prayer Brigade 3,2,1; S-6 I

Dyke: Chuck Barnes '07
Rats: Evan Frankowits

Class of 2010



Physics

Navy

Private 4,3,2,1; RFT 2,1.

Dyke: Taylor Zehm '07
Rats: Patrick Byrne

TJ and Mike, you guys are the best two roommates I could have hoped for. Mike your aversion to every established rule, and TJ your attachment to them made for an interesting 3 years rooming together, and some entertaining arguments too. I hope you guys know you're the biggest reason I did my final semester here (you know I would have gone to JMU or Tech if it was anyone else), you definitely made it worth it. Pat, you're the other reason I came back, and I'm proud of you already. I don't think I could've picked a better rat (Will and Kyle this goes for you too). Keep up a good attitude, all of you, and stick together. After we're gone you three are all you'll have, and you'll need each other. Mom and Dad, I know if you guys could have been out here every weekend you would have, I always knew I had your support, and when I was feeling worst sometimes it was that knowledge that got me through it. Thanks for always supporting me at VMI.



Aaron C. McKeen
Virginia Beach, Virginia



"Old Man"

Civil and Environmental Engineering

Cadre 3,2,1; Spanish Club 3,2,1; Pre-Law Society 4,3,2,1; Semper Fi Club 4

Dyke: Justin Trowbridge '07
Rats: Chris Schmeelk

The Virginia Military Institute wasn't exactly what I expected, but it was a challenge. I could not have made it academically if not for the help of my brother rats. I know the Class of 2010 has left VMI a better place than when we matriculated. The following people have defined the last four years of my life. Thank you for all your love, support, and camaraderie. I can't say that I'll miss the I, but I will miss all of you. Keep in touch and stay safe. My dykes Justin, Dave, Neal and Matt; my 465 roommates Ericsson and Dominik; my first class roommates Dave and Mutt; the Golf Company Cadre; and my family Paula, George, Diana, Barbara and Robert. A special thanks to the beautiful Eri Kamura who was always there for me and only mad at me half the time. To the Rats of room 171, Schmeelk, Seward, and York, hang in there and I'll see you on the other side.
Semper Fidelis.



Robert P. McMullen
Eagle Rock, Virginia



"JMac", "Mc"

Mechanical Engineering

Baseball 4,3,2; OGA 1.

Dyke: Christopher Guy '06
Rats: Jim McGee, Jordan Riley

As I look back on the past 4 years here, so many things could be said. However, really this place cannot be put into words; what I have learned, or how it has changed me. What really stands out is whom I have met, and how they have changed me. No matter what this place taught me in discipline, or academics it will never stand up to how much it has taught me about friendship. Tyler, Sloan, Jordan and Paul, you are more than just friends you have become brothers and I love you guys. To Base C, three years down at the Pitch were the best three here, and I wish it had been four. Jim and Jordan, you two are my legacy, learn and strive for everything you ever wanted, I know you will do great things. Last but not least, Mom, Dad, and Alison, I cannot tell you how much your support since I have been here has meant, without you all I would have never made it. To everyone, else it's been good.



Joshua B. McPherson
Yorktown, Virginia

Class of 2010



Clayton C. Melton
St. Louis, Missouri

I feel as if I am searching for some profound idea to perfectly sum up my time at VMI. Instead, my mind cries out about how I hate The Bomb for taking up my Friday nap time, with this summer's note typical VMI attitude. I came to VMI to prepare myself for commissioning, I leave fully understanding how much I have grown and how much more I need to. I believe in the VMI system, the cycle, and the brotherhood attained through our shared misery. Hatch, Jack, and John I say truthfully that I love you, will certainly miss you, and will always remember that we slept on the floor boys touching for three glorious years. It has been a wild, violent, drunken, rabbit and ferret buying, party bump making, disgustingly messy, pink eyed sink, stained floor paradise living with you. To answer the infamous question YMI @ VMI, I reply that I was here to shoulder my weight of the burden carried by the classes before me and those that come after. I would not change one thing about my VMI experience. To my Rats I say with the utmost conviction: I am the Ratline. I am the RDC Pet, I love I hope you enjoy it as much as I did.



"Crooks", "Smelton"

International Studies

Army

Rifle Team 4,3,2,1;Ranker 3 NCMT 2,1; RDC 1.

Dyke: Tom Goehring '07
Rats: Peter Van Steyn, David Wong



Christopher S. Mendillo
Johnstown, Pennsylvania



"Mendillo"

Mechanical Engineering

Navy

RDC 1.

Rats: Ronald Hilley



Gilbert M. Macedes
Whitehouse Station, New Jersey

I owe everything that I have accomplished here to my dyke, family, and friends. Within these people I found the direction, purpose, and motivation I needed to succeed. Words cannot explain what you have done for me Abby, thank you. My father and mother were always a means of reminding me why I was here and what it took to be successful, and I will always be indebted to their undying love and support. Also to the rest of my family, thank you for your support and love. I can say that the best thing in my life over the years at VMI have been my friends. Thank you for your friendship and understanding through hard times. Thank you, Dylan, Diggy, Reed, Vinny, Justin, Joe, JT, Beans, Scott, Gross, Tanner, Ed, Gavin, Chip, Joe F., Bobby, Lance, Brinkman, Quarles, Oug. Rats, it is important to remember that life is about what you want, while always doing what is right. If you want to make it through VMI, you can, and I know you can.



"Gill"

History

Army

Dyke: Addison Palenza '07
Rats: Kevin Kyle, Justin Wasno

Class of 2010



"Puke Rat"

International Studies
Modern Languages & Cultures

Army

Club Wrestling 2, 1; Jazz Band 2, 1; The Cadet 4, 3, 2, 1; Rat Challenge 3, 2, 1.

Dyke: Oliver McElroy '07
Rats: Josh Haley



"Dave"

Mechanical Engineering

Marine Corps

Private 4,3,2,1; Rugby 4,3,1; Ski Club

Dyke: Phillip Saunders '07
Rats: Thomas Dunville, Ian Cook

2010

"Fisk"

Economics and Business

Navy

Dyke: Hunter Phillips '06
Rats: Blake Harrah

It's hard to believe that it's done and over with, but I gotta say that I'm really going to miss this place. Easily some of the best four years of my life, even with a dual membership to the #1 club. Mom and Dad: You guys have been my inspiration and have given me something to emulate. I am ever so grateful to be able to call you my parents. Roomies: I couldn't have done it without you guys. Thanks for your continual support and aiding and encouraging in our many "mischievous" activities. I thoroughly enjoyed all the times when just I got boned... Col. B: Thanks for your continued support, couldn't have survived this year without you. Chris: You're my Poo-bear, always and forever. You've been a shoulder to cry on when times got rough, thanks for always being there for me. Erik: O Lord did we get into some trouble! Won't ever forget Operation Light Saber or White Castles. Helluva co-dyke and I wouldn't change our time together for anything.Matt: I'll never forget your outfits. You are the epitome of the southern gentleman. Well, up to 200 words already... Josh: Conquer the world!



Mitchell K. Messick
Leiden, The Netherlands

Many times throughout my cadetship I have been asked why I chose to come to VMI, and to be honest, I am not real sure. I do know that this place has taught me many things, and given me some of the greatest friends I could ask for.From my roommates, to Bravo, to all the rugby team, and all the mechanical engineer's I spent endless nights in the lab with, everyone has touched me or changed me in some way, and there is no way I would be where I am today without the support of my parents and my host family.They all supported me through the months of confinement and many I.T's. I have had some of the greatest times of my life while here, and also some of the lowest lows, you just have to learn to get up and get on with life, and as much as we all like to complain about this place, I love it and will miss it. To Thomas, Ian and all the rats of 141, stay the straight path, and try to enjoy every minute while you're here. Work hard, don't sweat the small stuff, and don't let The Man get you down.



David C. Messina Jr.
Hampton, Virginia

It has been a long ride, but one I will never forget. I want to thank all of my friends and especially my roommates Miles, Randy, and Brinn for hanging in there with me the last 4 years. Looking back it has been a rollercoaster ride, but a quick one. It feels like just yesterday we were straining like idiots everywhere we went. Although most of us can classify the past four years as the four best years of our lives that we all missed out on, I truly believe nothing comes without a little sacrifice. The past 4 years were that sacrifice, and now the true best years of our lives will begin. I hope you all do big things and become successful in everything you do. Take care of yourselves my friends. Lastly, I would like to thank my family. Mom, Dad, Craig, and Reesie thank you for supporting me the last 4 years. Thank you for never allowing me to leave this place when times got rough, and thank you for not getting rid of my room at home. To Nana and Memaw, thank you for everything you all have done. I'm gonna make you all proud!



David M. Miles
Virginia Beach, Virginia

Class of 2010



Andrew W. Miller
Charlotte, North Carolina

The last four years have gone by in a flash. I wouldn't ever want to go through this again, but at the very same time I wouldn't trade the experience that is the Matter I for anything in the world. I can honestly say that I have made some of the best friends I've ever had here at VMI. To my Rats, I'm going to miss you terribly, best of luck in life. To Dante, Tomas, Nick, and Scott, you all made this place bearable and I honestly don't know what I would have done without y'all. I'm going to miss having the ability to simply walk a few doors down and have a conversation. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for helping me get through it all. To Jason and Jacob, my Rats: I couldn't have asked for better Rats. I implore you to take advantage of everything the Institute has to offer you. Make the most of your Cadetship and let the Institute mold you into the caliber of man that I know you are capable of being. It's an honor to be your dyke, and if you ever need anything don't be afraid to call.



"Fudge-Ems", "Miller Time"

Mechanical Engineering

Navy

Color Guard 2; Martial Art 3,2,1; Cadet Battery 3; Football 4,3; NCMT Cadre 1; IcFT

Dyke: Marcin Zaba '07
Rats: Jacob Gibson, Jason Nave



David M. Milligram
Monroe, New Jersey

A senseless world of dykes and ducks, and buck of belt loops are what awaited me on that fateful August morning. As I stood wide-eyed at the cadre corporals, I knew for certain my life was about to end. Three years later, the thirds don't look so big, my ducks haven't fallen off due to buck of belt loops and by some miracle the finish line is finally in sight. As the most interesting 4 years of my life come to a close, I prepare to boldly face the world, armed with an extraordinarily high tolerance for trivialities, the ability to manage time wisely and friends who I wouldn't trade for the world (or even chance to transfer to JMU). I'll like to list every one who has made the last 4 years memorable, but it'll take more space than I'm allotted. Above all I owe you grandmom, for your continued love and support and to my Grandfather, who although never lived to see me in a uniform, planted the spark that helped put me on the path I am today and to Suzie Helpenek, for taking me in as one of your own. Rats: stay strong, and accomplish everything I know you are capable of.



"Killagram", "Milldaveagram"

International Studies

Marine Corps

Paintball 4, 3; Cadet Battery 2, 1.; Little John CIC 1; Semper Fi Society 4, 3.

Dyke: Ben Carlson '07
Rats: Eric Lentini, Mason Canby



Justin S. Minter
Prince George, Virginia

Man... as I look back and think about it, time flow by. It seems like just yesterday my dyke was coming up to the fourth stoop to introduce himself, and Hell Week was winding down. Then there was the end of third class year and looking forward to Ring Figure. Now here we are going on a new adventure, even more intimidating than VMI. This place was not easy and although some would say it sucked, I can one of those that can say I had a good time. I made some of my best friends ever here. Thanks to Mom and Dad for pushing me through here. Thanks Bill's for all the support and fun times we had. Good luck in life boys and give 'em hell!



"J-Mintz", "Minna"

International Studies

Navy

Private 4,3,2,1; NCMT 3,2; College Republicans 4,3; Academic Mentor 2,1; Cadet Writer 2,1; Rat Challenge 3,2,1

Dyke: C.J Williamson '07
Rats: Thomas Shumar

Class of 2010



Civil and Environmental Engineering

Air Force

Rat Challenge 3,2,1; Club Lacrosse 4,3

Dyke: Ryan Marsh '07
Rats: Koman Goley

First, I would like to thank God, my family, my roommates and everyone that has supported me. I know I still have some growing up to do, but leaving this school with this new mentality will help me in my life. I don't regret anything, it all happened for a reason, but now it's time for a new chapter. To my family You have always supported me. After all that I have done, whether it was right or wrong, you never gave up on me. I can honestly say that you made me the person I am today. Thinking of you guided me through the tough times. I love you all. To my roommates: I never would have thought that I could have learned so much from anyone. You helped me realize my strengths and weaknesses. From our hysterical nights, to our more serious talks, I've taken it all to heart. To my rat Ferris, you crazy little man. I couldn't have asked for a better rat. Keep your head up, remember where you came from and even if you don't know where you're headed just know you'll never be alone. Take every situation and learn from it.



Brian K. Molina
Reston, Virginia



"Mooreski"

Economics and Business

adre 1; Rat Challenge 2; CIG 2, 1; Phi Eta Sigma 4, 3, 2, 1; Sigma Beta Delta 2, 1; Omicron Delta Epsilon 2, 1

Dyke: Pat Johnsen '07
Rats: David Turner

Having time to reflect on my experience here at VMI, I am reminded of why I came here and what I will take away from this Institute. First, I came here because I wanted to hold myself accountable to a higher standard than most regular college students. In addition, I wanted the pride and reputation that all alumni assured me they had received. I'm proud to say that both of these have come true for me as well. As for what I will take away, there aren't enough words to describe it. Respect, self-discipline, perseverance, determination, and lasting friendships are just a few of the many. And to be in accordance with others, I would like to thank my family and friends for their support throughout this experience. Without them, I never would have made it through the trials and troubles. And to those still at the Institute, just remember that you hate it while you're there and love it when you're gone.



Jacob M. Moore
Roanoke, Virginia

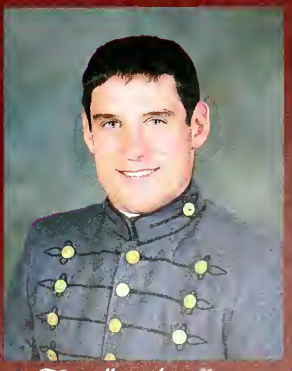


International Studies

Lacrosse 4,3,2,1.

Dyke: Rob Didomenico '07
Rats: Ryan Ningrad, Bernard Mawbrey

St. Mom and St. Dad, thank you for all your hard work and sacrifices. It's been a long road and both of you have always been there for me. Thank you, I love you so much. My brothers and sisters, thank you for being the bright spot of many days here, I love you all. Coach Shirk, we did it right, and I have no regrets, thank you for sincerely caring. My rats keep it up, have fun, I'm proud of you. Thomas stick with it and you will do great things. To my tax boys hehehaaaaa we did it. I found what I was looking for. You are my friends and my brothers and I know everyone of you will be happy and successful. Hayden, we started it, let's end it. I don't see myself doing it with anybody else. We are meant to do great things. Love ya brotha. Sorry for the smells Wiseguys ha. "Material things can't make the soul whole. Only the love, trust, and loyalty of friends can do that."



Timothy J. Moran
Florence, New Jersey

Class of 2010



Corey T. Morgan
Roanoke, Virginia

When reflecting on my VMI experience it's easy to say I wasted four years of my life. Burning both ends of the candle, going to formations, and keeping up evenly with strenuous academics and the military side can leave one feeling bitter. To say this though is not the untrue. VMI has been the catalyst of a level of maturity that I never would have reached if I'd been at any other school. VMI is an institution with no sympathy for ignorance, or the mentally weak. It is a lifestyle that requires honor, integrity and an unwavering attention to detail. We are held to a higher standard, a standard that society will never understand. So call it a fraternity, call it a brotherhood but it's more than that. Fraternities are weak, and brotherhoods disloyal. We share a common bond that will last infinitely. Like us it will never bend nor break. So call us ignorant, brutish, or whatever you'd like but it is what it is and I wouldn't change this experience for the world. To my roommates: I love you guys more than I could ever put into words. Without you I would not be who I am today.



History

Army

Cadre 3; Boxing 4,3; Drill Team 3, 2; English Society 3; History Club 3,2,1; MMA/Grappling Team 1,

Dyke: Ryan Smith '07



Jason D. Morgan
Lynchburg, Virginia

I will say that the time I have spent here has been generally good. I have made great friends and have shared in some of the most memorable times of my life. I will miss seeing these guys every day and will reminisce about these memories for the rest of my life. I entered VMI with the same intentions and dreams that everyone shares when they consider VMI as their college choice, and I see those dreams coming true in the lives of my brother rats and myself. I wish everyone in the Class of 2010 the best of luck in their future as we depart and I hope our rats will enjoy their time here, recognizing how fast it passes, while enjoying the company of some of the finest people on God's green earth, and I hope they take from this place all good things and employ and emulate them as they become the leading class in barracks. I would like to give special thanks to God for seeing me through this place, my mom and the rest of my family, and finally to the greatest roommates of all time, especially Paul.



"Captain Morgan", "J"

History

Marine Corps

Rifle Team: 4,3,2,1; Virginia Historical Society: 2, 1; Regimental Staff 3,2,1.

Dyke: Jonathan Woleshuk '
Rats: Michael Smith, Shawn Riley



Daniel L. Morley
Midlothian, Virginia

2010

International Studies

Dyke: Benjamin Carlsen '0
Rats: William Potter, Patrick Roberts

Class of 2010



"EMO"; "Bobby Mo"

Psychology

NCAA Lacrosse 4; Club Lacrosse 3.

Dyke: Evan Hanks '07
Rats: Sam Quaterman

I traded four years of my life for a lifetime. At times I hate this place, but I know why I am here. I wouldn't go so far as to say that I ever love this place- who does? I was told before I got here that it's all a game, but it all has a purpose. Well, I believe the purpose is served for the better. To my roomies and friends- one love. Bobby Mo, over and out.



Robert P. Morris
Lexington, Virginia

2010

International Studies

Dyke: Brian Hunt '06
Rats: Hunter Holthaus



Andrew W. Morse
Chesapeake, Virginia



"Matt"

History

Frisbee 2; Virginia Historical Society 2,1; Sgt 2.

Dyke: Brad Wilson '07
Rats: Eric Summers, Joe Staton

First I would like to thank mom and dad for all of their love and financial support. Alex, Pat, Chris, Jason, and Room 134, you guys are awesome I will always remember the memories we made. I could have never made it without you guys. Jason all I have to say is "bords of imperialism." Alex you're the best codyke ever. Pat we spent way too much money at Macados, gotta love FCPT. To all of my EKs in Golf Co. we strained, pushed, and ran the stoops together, I would have never survived without you guys. To the rats of Room 134, strain hard, and remember the best thing about VMI is the memories made during your four years here.



Matthew R. Musick
Lebanon, Virginia

Class of 2010



Hunter W. Waff
Bonnes Mill, Virginia

When reflecting on my years at VMI, one thought certainly comes to the forefront...damn JMU was fun! However, besides frequenting "normal" colleges and their multitudes of women that made coming back to Lexington a sin, I managed to make it through this place and somehow even enjoy aspects of the "T". Yet, confinement at times prevented me from capitalizing on these endeavors (the confinement due to an unfortunate 3rd Class-year A1 penalty that affected a bevy of some of the finer gentlemen I have been privileged to know, and a certain Sunday afternoon escapade I undertook 3rd Class-year to unselfishly help boost corps morale). It has been an absolute honor to have befriended all of the good people in my class and in others that have helped get me through this step in my life. In particular, to all my roommates...great times fellas. Lastly, I cannot go without thanking the two people who have been there from start to finish, my parents. There have been some highs and a few lows here and y'all were there to help guide me every step of the way. Love ya mom and dad.



"Hunna"

International Studies

Baseball 4,3; Rugby 3,2,1; Pre-Law 2,1; PT's Commando

Dyke: Ian Casher '07
Rats: Stuart Hickey



Emily R. Neumann
West Palm Beach, Florida

Everybody lets go!



"Reids"

International Studies

Army

Aviation Club 3,2,1; Big Bro/Sis 2; Rugby 1.

Dyke: Catrina Helsel '07
Rats: Kimberly Grigg, Pamela Chen



Jesse L. Newman
Baltimore, Maryland

2010

Economics and Business

Rats: Jeffrey Maxson

Class of 2010



Economics and Business

Army

Club Soccer 4,3,2,1.

Dyke: Ming Ye Tsai '07
Rats: Jonathan Jackson, Nam Nguyen

I would like to thanks my dykes and my roommates for making the four years at VMI very enjoyable. Alphabet and Tsai, you guys were there to support me. There's no word to express my appreciation. Chris, I thank you for welcoming me to be a part of your family. It was more than everything I could ever ask for. Tyler, without you, I would not know the wonderful world of soccer. You taught me everything there is to know. Clint and Pat, thank you for being so carefree of this place. I blamed this on the "imaginary study" major. I promise I will try my best to smile more and be more like you guys. Despite all the fights we have in the room, you guys are the best. If I have to do this all over again I would not change a thing…well, maybe I should have study IS or Psych to begin with. Rats, I really enjoyed having you guys around. The next few years will get harder than you think, but I know you guys will make it through. I still don't know why I go to VMI but it definitely worth every single minute.



Dunh V. Nguyen
Dong Nai, Vietnam

2010

Biology

Rats: Kevin Jones, Travis Thomas



Charles E. Nicolea
Fredricksburg, Virginia



"Kyle", "Nicky"

Mechanical Engineering

NCAA Football 4,3,2,1; RDC 1.

Dyke: Victor Rosen '07
Rats: Anthony Augustine

I want to first thank my family for being there for me every time I complained to them about being in this prison of a school. Without y'all, my time here would have been much more stressful. To My Roommates: These past two years have been a hell of a time living with y'all. Brian, we all had fun making fun of you for being in your own world. Busta, we all cracked on you for being Mexican and your inability to speak English and for your HORRIBLE STORIES. Zach, we always joked on you for sleeping so damn much while we stayed up all night studying for all of our Engineering work. I want to finally wish you guys the best of luck with whatever you may encounter. Its been real. To My Rat: Keep your head up as you go through all the ups and downs of this school. Your time here will fly by and you will be sitting at your desk during your 1st class year typing your Senior Narrative just thinking about how fast it has gone by. To VMI: Thanks for teaching me discipline. The relationships that I have built with the people here are invaluable. It has been the best, worst time of my life. Take it easy.



Mikyle A. Nikmard
Katy, Texas

Class of 2010



Douglas V. Nowak
Pinchesle, California

I came to this place not knowing what I was doing. This has been the biggest mistake of my life. I have gained nothing good from this school except a mountain of debt. The only way to express my true disdain for coming to this school would be if could hop in a time machine, I would travel back to when I had first filled out the application to VMI, I would grab the application and burn it, and then I would kick the crap out of myself for even looking at that application. What's truly funny is I mean every word of it, and I did not laugh or even smile once while I was writing this. Thanks for nothing VMI Beans and Justin, you guys are great roommates and I mean that. You made the years here a lot less painful than they could have been. But I still would have rather not known you all then have come here.



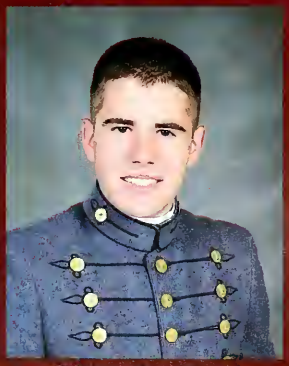
"D-Fresh", "Dougie Fresh"

Economics and Business

Army

Cadet Waiter 2,1

Dyke: Parker Thurman '08



Kyle A. Nwerin
Pembroke Pines, Florida

2010

International Studies

Army

Dyke: Steven K. Sykes '07
Rats: James Lepper, James Povirk



Anthony C. Nweke
Virginia Beach, Virginia

2010

Economics and Business

Dyke: Jamaal Walton '07

Class of 2010



"Eskimo", "HHB"

Civil and Environmental Engineering

Army

Wrecking Crew 1; SAD 3,2,1.

Dyke: Kevin Vik '07

I could never have survived this place without my family, friends, and most importantly my Brother Rats. The never ending support from you has kept me from going hungry, kept me always laughing, and kept me somewhat sane. I also owe a major debt of gratitude to Major Todd Pegg. Words cannot express my thanks to you for being a mentor, advisor, and friend to me and others as post. Without your wisdom and guidance I am sure that I would have joined Ranger Challenge. And finally to my Rats: Remember that high in the mountains or deep in the jungle a man is training to kill you. He is carrying a 50 pound rucksack. His clothing is ripped and torn, his footwear is shredded and his feet are covered in blood and blisters. He hasn't eaten in three days or slept in two. When you finally confront him, will you overcome and conquer or admit to shame and defeat?



Brock J. Olson

Anchorage, Alaska



Mechanical Engineering

Air Force

NCAA Lacrosse 4,3,2,1.

Dyke: Greg Schwartz '07
Rats: Andrew Epps

It's easy to say that VMI was not exactly the college experience I wanted to have. I had no idea what I was getting myself into. To be honest, the reason why I didn't apply to the Air Force Academy was because I heard they made you memorize the dates of football games, and I thought that was dumb and I didn't want to deal with that nonsense...so I decided to apply here instead. After looking back though, through all the misery and despair I know that I made the right decision to come to this place I now call home. I know of stories that only VMI alumnus could appreciate and I have made friends that I will never forget. This brings me to my roommates...Adams and Boogie Fresh. You guys are the worst roommates that anyone could ever ask for. If it wasn't for me, people would have mistaken our room for a clogged trash shoot. Both of you should give me massive amounts of money when you become rich for keeping you guys straight. I love you both.



Justin A. Ong

Potomac Falls, Virginia



"Will"

Applied Mathematics

Club Hockey 1.

Dyke: Zachary Crush '07
Rats: Thomas Irvine, Alex Kovalesky

My four years here at VMI have taught me many things about myself, as well as others. You must be who you are and not as others believe you should be. I would like to thank my dykes for teaching me the ropes, loop holes, and countless other things society would disapprove of. To my rats, I hope that when I'm gone you will think of me as I think of my own dykes. To all that I have met and care about here, I hope your lives to come are great and successful. To my family, thank you for pushing me and making me who I am, you have done more for me than I could ask for.



William R. Orndorff III

Clifton Forge, Virginia

Class of 2010



David A. Padgett
Rye, New York

Mother, grandmother, aunts, uncles, brothers, love, old soul, disciplinare, father figure, united. You have shaped me into the man I am today. You have always been there for me and I will always be in your life. I strive to make you proud. My Rats, good decisions are the key to success. How do you make good decisions? Experience. How do you gain experience? Bad decisions. Take your experiences and apply them to your profession. Never compromise your integrity because you won't get it back. When talking about VMI, people don't understand that it's not about me, but it's about my Brother Rats. It's about having their back. Regardless of what legacy we leave behind here, I know what I'm taking with me, and that's everlasting friendships. Parents, my everything, my heart is yours. All of me... In the end, what will matter? Every act of integrity, compassion, courage, or sacrifice that enriched, empowered, or encouraged others to emulate your example. Not your competence, but your character. Not your memories, but the memories that live in those who love you. Choose to live a life that matters.



Brandon A. Page
Virginia Beach, Virginia

As "Main Man" McCoy so eloquently put it, when tasked to describe me: "Life should NOT be a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in an attractive and well-preserved body, but rather to skid in sideways. Chocolate in one hand - chocolate in the other, body thoroughly used up, totally worn out and screaming WOO HOO! What a Ride!" "Two roads diverged in a wood, and I, I took the one less traveled by, And that has made all the difference." Brother Rats, It has been my honor to have bled and sweat beside you men. We entered as self-entitled individuals; we leave as a Band of Brothers, who accomplished what many have tried and failed to do. Mizpah. Rats, remember to be Gentlemen, when it's society's norm to be otherwise. It is a true measure of a man's integrity, of not what he does when people are looking, but his actions when no one is around for recognition. You are our legacy, and we are proud! To my family, I would not be the man I have become without your upbringing and unconditional love.

"If There is a Will, There is a Way"



Thomas N. Page
West Bloomfield, Michigan

Don't let my good looks fool you, I am a child soldier who uses every waking moment training to be a better soldier. Not only will I fight for my prized country, but I will fight for freedom, cheeseburgers, optional BRCs and everything else that represents this fine institution that I accidentally checked myself into. I love God above all, yet will still slay the bodies of my Al Qaida counterparts once we meet on the field of battle at New Market, Afghanistan or Open Mat. To those who have impacted me:

- *Caitlin Dyke and our brothers/sisters in Christ you have shown me that no matter how dark the barracks, the sword of the spirit will shine*
- *My PT Friends, I have marched with you all for 365 years of my life. Just remember to stay in step and never ever take the easy way out. If it burns before it wood, it grows - shave it off in his sleep.*
- *Mike and Ryan, you've shown me that sometimes you can do everything at once.*
- *Lt. Woodward and the rest of SAD you have taught me to never sacrifice training for laziness. LT I really do believe you could kill Chuck Norris.*



"Padge"

Mechanical Engineering

Marine Corps

NCAA Lacrosse 4,3,2,1; Cpl 3; Sgt 2; RDC 2,1; Character Counts 1; Engineering Club

Dyke: Justin LaCerda '07
Rats: Alex Papazian, Russell East

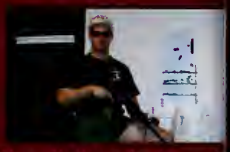


"V" Man Page", "Chop Chop"

Economics and Business

Wrecking Crew 1; Cadet Battery 2,1; Outdoors Club 4,3,2; Rock Climbing Club 2,1; Fishing Club 1; Ham Radio Club

Dyke: Andrew Timpner '07
Rats: Mike Joyce, Ben Waterbury



"Darn that guy looks good"

Mechanical Engineering

Army

SAD 4,3,2,1; Discipleship Breakfast 4,3,1; Navigators - Cadre 2

Dyke: Michael Lloyd '07
Rats: Michael Hamman, William Lamb

Class of 2010



"Peter", "Mama Parker"

International Studies

Army

Cpl 3; Sgt 2; Lt 1; Rat Challenge 1.

Dyke: Tom Clowering '07
Rats: Zachary Hann, Hunter Wood

I believe that my four years at VMI were the worst and most enjoyable years of my life to date. I could not have met a more rambunctious and trustworthy group of men and women. At no point in my cadetship did I doubt why I came here. Very few people can look through their pasts and say they were a part of something as rare and unexplainable as the VMI experience. I will never forget the crazy nights spent with my dykes rat year. I will never forget my time abroad third class year. There is definitely no way I could ever forget my adventures second class year with Flotch, Duffer, Fleenor, Lin, and Paul. Ring figure...enough said! As for the people, I will never forget the crazy crap I did with Robert, Arturo, Wade, Brock, Duffer, Lin, Fleenor, Fletcher, Paul Bailey, Lee Hofkemeyer, Garland Gray, Clint Custer, my dykes (especially Tom), Mat Wright, Woody, Pico, Beckstrand, Scott MacDonald, Mikey Hozik, and the list goes on. And some memorable experiences... Duffer's 21st birthday, Ring Figure, homecoming hop 1st class year, study abroad, FCP at Macado's, Roanoke, Fairfax with Lee, and the Aristokrats. Delta '10!



Daniel G. Parker
St. Louis, Missouri



English

Club Softball 4,3; Ranger Challenge 3; S-7 3; S-5 2; English Society 2; RDC 1.

Dyke: Sally Coffman '07
Rats: Mary Meidenbauer, Samantha Amenn

To my parents: Where would I be without you! Thank you for your constant support and direction as well as the frequent care packages. Thank you for providing clarity and keeping me levelheaded. Most of all, thank you for the unconditional love that has sustained me throughout it all. To my roommates and co-dykes: This place would have been unbearable without you! To my rattics: There will always be ups and downs in life, so never question your purpose here. Never hesitate to engage in crazy antics because some of the most ridiculous things you do here will make for the best memories. Stay focused and be diligent in your studies, putting in the long nights will pay off in the end. Above all, stay cool and know that I will always be available for you. To Brew brethren: We will always remain "Ball Bustin!" "The greater part of our happiness or misery depends on our dispositions, and not on our circumstances."



Asia C. Pastor
Charleston, South Carolina



"Stock Diez", "Dominal"

Economics and Business

NCAA Lacrosse 4,3,2,1; RDC 2,1.

Dyke: Jonathan Schwerer '07
Rats: Stephen Fitzpatrick, Hank Purvis

To my family, I love you more than you will ever know. My success and experience at VMI was only possible because of you. As I inch closer to graduation, I've realized 1 thing...this is the first year I haven't applied to another school. As for the room, well, Sorry I'm Not Sorry. Desch, Brett, Chaz, (B-dave) you are the most disgusting and inconsiderate individuals I have ever met...I guess that's why we've lived together every year. Rocks, Doors, Windows, Chairs, Rifle Racks, even Wall Lockers...we will never cease to amaze. Special thanks to K.F. for the endless supply of pizza, beer, and "other things." I will never be able to forget our stories. I'm looking forward to raising our children in the same neighborhood so my daughters can teach your sons how to fight. To my boys, it's not over, it's just the beginning of the rest of our lives together. I don't know how we managed, but we did. Schwerer, it was a pleasure. Fitzy and Nervous Purvis, I couldn't ask for more. Don't ever let anyone get in your way, if they do, you know the drill. Wise guys for life. "Don't Let The Bastards Get You Down"



Daniel P. Peerstock
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Class of 2010



David M. Phillips
Gloucester Point, Virginia

VMI is a tough, brutal, exhilarating, rewarding, frustrating, and unforgiving place. It is the most challenging place I have ever experienced. After four years at this place I am definitely ready to leave and start a career but I wonder if I'll ever look back and look up from at VMI "the good old days." I have heard this saying that now, but they always say distance makes the heart grow fonder. We'll see. During my four years at VMI, I never hated or even really disliked this place. It was the challenges were difficult but useful and I was almost always able to rationalize what ever crazy new changes came down the line. I came to VMI for an education and to surround myself with people who shared the same or similar motivations and desires as me, and as for that, VMI met my expectations. And now as we prepare to go our separate ways, I wish the best to all my Brother Rats and I hope the legacy of the Class of 2010 continues to ring through barracks for years to come.



"Dave"

International Studies
French

Marine Corps

Cadre 3,2,1; SAD 4,3,2; Recycling Club 2; Boxing Club 1; Pipe Band 4,...

Dyke: Dana Daly '07
Rats: Chris Wisniewski



Randy O. Phillips
Covington, Virginia

When I think of VMI, I think of a place that produces honorable and educated citizen-soldiers. Which, has been instilled in me over the past four years. The memories that I have made here with my friends and family will never be replaced. They hold a special place in my heart, which is everlasting. I would like to thank my family for always being there for me and supporting me in everything that I do. To my roommates, I couldn't have made it through this place without you guys. You guys are great and will do great things in life. To my rat, James, I would like to pass on a piece of advice that worked for me – Study Hard, Stay Strong and Always Say Your Prayers - just keep that in mind and you will do fine. To all my friends, thank you for all the great memories and hopefully more to come. Even though we will be leaving this place to go our separate ways and do our own things, we will always be Brother Rats, Class of 2010.



"Hammer"

Civil and Environmental Engineering

RDC 1; Rugby 1; Golf 2; Cadre NCAA Wrestling 4.

Dyke: Michael Moorman '07
Rats: James Akers



John T. Piribek
Peach Tree, Georgia

It's funny sitting here trying to decide what to write and remembering the night my Dykes were doing the same exact thing. I am astounded that one place, one institution if you will, can cause such an array of emotions. I have loved and hated, been happy and sad, furious and apathetic, almost [illegible] at this place. But, when I think back at the few [illegible] I have stayed, despite more than enough rea[illegible] down to the people. Dyke, Tanner P, [illegible] you all have been the brothers I never [illegible] completely different meaning [illegible] reason why I have stayed [illegible] found a better girl, here or [illegible] for all you have taught [illegible] all I forget how wrong you [illegible] Rats, Nick and Kale' stay [illegible] you can do it, I did.



"JT"; "Tizzle"

Modern Languages and Cultures: German

Marine Corps

NCAA Basketball 4; RDC 2, Club Golf 3; Cadet Assistant 3,2,1.

Dyke: Mark Miller '07
Rats: Nick Gore, Kaleb Long

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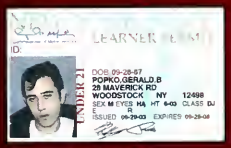
Computer Science

NCAA Wrestling 4,3,2,1.

Dyke: Christopher Scott '07
Rats: Elijah Frison



Jonathan M. Pope
Kenna, Alabama



"G-Pops"

Physics

Army

Cadre 3,2,1.

Dyke: Joe Cassin '07
Rats: Michael deVries, Dustin Desch

First, thank you to my mother and father who always supported my decisions, even if they didn't always agree with or understand them. You made me stand by my choices, respecting them when I did. You never gave up on me in my darkest times. You are truly amazing parents that I will always respect and understand the older I grow. To Chris, Eric and Dixon, my roommates of the three best and worst years of my life, and Chris, well the last one, we will go our separate paths, but I only hope our friendship remains as ever green as it has been in our room. I wish you the best of luck in life – even if the distance between us is far we will not be. To the rest of my Brother Rats, we shared stoops and classes, PTXs and parades, Hell Weeks and a Ratline. It's only here, in time, that I have felt at home in a place I never dreamed of calling one. VMI, I will carry your charges and ways, for better or for worse, with me throughout my life presenting them with only the highest pride in calling you my school.



Gerald B. Popko
Woodstock, New York



"Eddie"

Computer Science

Army

Glee Club 4,3,2,1; Frisbee 2,1; Theatre 2,1; Cadet Battery 2; Paintball 4,3; Drum Major 1.

Dyke: Deuntay Diggs '07
Rats: Patrick Sawit, Bill Winn

The past four years have been amazing and I wouldn't trade these past four years for anything. This truly was the road less travelled. Upon coming to VMI, I had no idea what I was getting myself into while straining for my Dykes and making the strong bonds with my BRs that will last forever. Then we got to Ring Figure and the great celebrations for all that we had accomplished. And finally our last year here has come and we are almost out of here. To my Rat Roomies: Looking back on all the fun we had, I wouldn't have wanted to room with any one else for the first year. To my Dyke: Diggs, the greatest guy that I could ask to help me through my Ratline. I owe you a lot buddy. To my friends outside VMI: Thank you for being there for me when I needed to vent about things. To you I owe a lot of thanks as well. To my BRs (Grandpa, Double D, and Greg just to name a few): The past four years have been amazing and I will remember our bonds forever. We had some great times with some big laughs. To my Rats: I don't think I could ask for better Rats than the two of you. Keep your heads up and stay strong. To my Family: To you I owe the greatest thanks. Thank you and I love you.



Edmund C. Preisser
Crescent Springs, Kentucky

Class of 2010



Jonathan R. Price, Jr.
Richmond, Virginia

I came to the Institute to do one thing, get orders to BUD/S, and I did it. I'd like to thank all the people that helped me along the way. Mom your support has been endless, thank you for listening to me rant about VMI innumerable times and never telling me to just shut up. Dad, I could never have gotten orders without you. Thank you for keeping me on course and for constantly motivating me. Samantha that ride home for Christmas break my rat year was intoxicating, thanks for being such a great big sister. Tom Cat, what can I say? You made it possible for me to spend more weekends at Hampden-Sydney than most HSC students. I love you brother you'll be a damn fine Marine officer and I still wish I was more like you. Clint, I'll miss the Winfield lounge. Will, Its been a good ride and if you ever need me I'll be there. Hunter you'll be the best southern lawyer since Atticus Finch. Wayne, we'll always have Panama. Kats, just remember that you can be whatever you resolve to be, so BE IT.



"Price"

History

Navy

Rat Challenge 3,2; NCAA Swim Team 2.

Dyke: Worth Buzzy '07
Rats: Steven Dominy, Charles Jenkins



Anthony J. Priciotti
Fairfax, Virginia

First and foremost I would like to thank my family. Without the support from you I wouldn't have been able to make it here a week…which at the time sounded like a pretty good deal. But in all seriousness, thank you all for everything, I love you, and I promise to make this investment pay off. Next, I want to thank all of the people who were once strangers, and become some of my very best friends. Dolbey, Lance, and Lott, I know we wanted to rip each others heads off from time to time, but in the end you guys are some of the best friends a guy can ask for. I also want to thank everyone who lived in "The Row" in Third Barracks; we definitely had some good times. Thank you all for everything. Andrew, just remember to take care of the little things, and the big things will take care of themselves. LAY OFF THE CUPCAKES AND COOKIES! This has definitely been one of the best experiences that you couldn't pay me enough money to go through again. There is just about nothing about this place that I will miss, but I will miss some of the people that I have had the privilege of meeting over the past four years.



"T.J", "Pric"

Economics and Business

NCAA Baseball 4,3,2,1.

Dyke: John Goode '07
Rats: Andrew Bannister



Michael J. Purpura
Orange, California

Those four years go by quickly… try to make the most of it. I can't believe I am already here. While I am finally finishing up my studies it feels like a great burden has been lifted off of my shoulders, but I still thankful for all the Institute has done for me. I hope that I have taught my rats well, and I thank my family for helping me through these years. Never forget where you come from, and always remember what this place has taught you.



"Purp", "Luigi"

Civil and Environmental Engineering

Cadet Battery 3; Cpl 3; Sgt ASCE; Club Football 1; CE

Dyke: Robert Russman '0
Rats: Ted Kang, Chris Kline

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Mechanical Engineering

Rats: Thomas Wine



William C. Quarles
Winchester, Virginia



"Clint"

History

Cadre 3,2,1;
Virginia Historical Society 2,1.

Dyke: Rob Jacarusso '07
Rats: Chris Zyna,
Will Coursey

Thank you to all of you who have helped make my cadetship a success. To my roommates: Will: Dude, are you serious? Thanks for always proving me with some words of wisdom and good laughs. I know you will be a great Marine officer. Rory: Is it the red or blue wire? Your hard work has paid off, good luck with the F-0-9. Jonathan: I like to think that all of those wrestling matches made you stronger, but you got to where you are today because of your resolve and relentless effort. A.J.: You were inspiring on the night of the great Christmas tree. Best of luck in the future. To ETraqi'10: Had I been in a different company, I would truly be jealous of the bonds we have formed. Thanks for all the great memories. To my Dyke, Rob: You taught me some valuable lessons. You had a hand in who I am today and I can't thank you enough. To my family, friends, and E: Thanks for sticking with me these past four years, you all were always there when I needed a hand. To my RATS: Take it one day at a time, every year. Good luck and if you have a question, I'm just a phone call away.



Randolph C. Raine, Jr.
Richmond, Virginia



History
German

Army

Cadet Battery 3; S2 2; Lt 1; German Club 4,3,2; German Tutor 4,2,1; Institute Honors Program 2,1; Phi Eta Sigma 4; VMI Theatre 1

Dyke: Justin Bishop '07
Rats: Andrew Shea,
Charlie Jones

During my time at this Institute, there's been much I've learned. About half of that was in the classroom. I've seen examples of officership and gentlemanliness; of camaraderie and sacrifice, of service and courage. Brother rats holding out their hands to each other. "Carry on just a little longer, Brother Rat." At times I've seen a wholeness of character rare and invaluable. To those who have inspired me, I thank you. Just as frequently have I seen deplorable things. Cowardice, incompetence, poverty of civility in cadets and officers that reeks with the stench of a pettiness that makes our forebears gnash their rotten teeth in their graves. I have seen cadets that squandered the opportunity this Institute represents. Some of the most selfish, base, and loathsome behavior I have ever witnessed has occurred within our walls. And so, as I hang up my cadet uniform for the last time, I am left with this disparity, between the glorious and the ignoble. I may not yet understand the full significance of the Institute, but I thank God for my experiences here. I wish you the decency and nobility of which you are capable.



Charles A. Range
Goshen, New York

Class of 2010



James M. Ray
Warrenton, Virginia

I came I saw I conquered!



"Ray-J"

Psychology

Bond 4,3,2,1.



Bailey L. Rister III
Chapin, South Carolina

Summarizing four years of VMI in 200 words is a truly daunting task. I made some lifelong friends, acquired some knowledge, did not party my way through college and learned to fly fish. I'll like to say that I have found a love of learning while I was at the Institute, although there is not much time for it. I have come to truly value my friends, especially my roommates: Kyle, Charles (Uncle Range) and James. Academically I owe a big thanks to Colonel Vargas for getting me on track and setting me up for success early in my cadetship and Major Brooke '94 who is my research mentor and my advisor for my senior thesis. I believe that VMI would not have been the same experience without my totally awesome host family, Suzie Helyenck and her mom Softie, who could always brighten my day. I would also like to thank my father, Farley L. Rister Jr., mother, Cindy Lee Rister, and brother, Joseph Leland Rister. Without their love and support VMI would not be the same experience that it was.



"Earlz"

Physics

Club Soccer 4; Physics Soci 4,3,2,1; Cadet Assistant 2, Cadet Battery 3,2,1; S-7 1; Little John 1.

Dyke: Sean Hingley '07
Rats: Ryan Harner, Quentin Sweetser



Benjamin W. Robertson
El Paso, Texas

These four years go by quickly... try to make the most of it. I can't believe I am already here. While I am finally finishing up my studies it feels like a great burden has been lifted off of my shoulders, but I'm still thankful for all the Institute has done for me. I hope that I have taught my rats well, and I thank my family for helping me through these years. Never forget where you come from, and always remember what this place has taught you.



"Turpf", "Luigi"

Modern Languages and Cultures: Spanish

Frisbee 1; Theater 1.

Dyke: Brandon Price '07
Rats: Alexander Brackma Michael Damskey

Class of 2010



Biology

Army

yke: Christopher Nelson '07
Rats: Matthew Cox,
David Warriner



Jacob A. Robelson
Fredericksburg, Virginia



"M-Reef"

Biology

Boxing Club 3; OGA 1.

Dyke: Sean Day '07
Rats: Austin Hernandez,
Donte Morales

It's such a strange feeling to be moving on from a place that has characterized my life for four years. While I am immensely happy to be finally free, I'll be lying if I said I wasn't sad. It's the finality of it that gets to me: never again will I wear that white uniform, walk down Letcher on my way to class, or be a cadet at VMI. Enduring the "I" has been my biggest accomplishment so far and I don't think I'll be able to fully appreciate what this place has done for me for many years. On that note, there are so many people I have to thank. First, I thank Jesus for guiding and blessing me throughout my life. Next, a big thanks to my roommates whom I have lived with since this whole thing began- it's gonna be weird not living with y'all anymore. And finally, I thank my friends and family who supported me throughout, especially my mom, who showed me more love and strength than I dreamed existed. To my Rats Austin and Donte: find God and build on your relationship with him. That is the best advice I can ever give. ALPHA!



Matthew R. Rodriguez
Kinnon, Virginia



"Ace-In-The-Hole Rogers"

English

S-1 2; Ring Figure Committee
2; Sounding Excess 2,1; S-7 2,1.

Dyke: Mike Watson '07
Rats: Dillon Fransen,
Cameron Sayer

Eric and Ben: What do I say to my two best friends? There is nothing I could possibly write in these short lines that we have not already communicated in rainy, inebriated walks in bathrobes around Eastern Virginia and debauchery at that studio. You two are mostly the reason I came back after every furlough. Thanks for never letting me find myself. We always joked about transferring together—I think that says it all. Anyway, enough of the sentimentality. This is just the beginning. To my Rats: Your experience at VMI is your own. These four years—and I know you will stay for all four years—will shape you in ways you will not fully understand. Keep your heads above the tides of cynicism, gossip, and betrayal. VMI is a magnifier of life's greatest challenges. As much as you may hate the Institute at times, just remember that its irrational and often painful flaws (and there are so very many) will make you better if you step back and observe others, but most importantly, yourselves. Seek every opportunity to rise above. Chris: You're a crazy bastard and I love you for it. It's been a good run so far and I can't see it getting anything but better.



Even C. Rogers
Denver, Colorado

Class of 2010



William T. Romaine
West Chester, Pennsylvania

The Grateful Dead best summarize my time at VMI..."what a long strange trip it's been". Looking back it is hard to believe that four years have come and gone, but in the same sense I can't believe that I made it to graduation. I wouldn't trade the experiences I have had at VMI for anything, although there were definitely some trying times: the rainy fourth class FTX, the frigid Inauguration Parade, and the countless formations. However there were some bright spots in all the darkness, most notably happy hour at Macado's. Surviving each week at VMI is a cause for celebration. I owe a lot to my friends, family, and especially my boys in room 3112 for helping me make it through. Collin, Jake, Mitch, and Ryan I don't know what I would have done without you guys. To everyone else that aided me along the way, thank you. To my rat Nick, don't take this place too seriously, embrace the suck, and rely on your friends. It will be over before you know it. So raise your glasses with me in a toast to good friends, good times, and graduation.



Economics and Business

Cpl 3; Sgt 2; CIG 2,1; Rat Challenge 2.

Dyke: Drew Holt '07
Rats: Nicholas Azzolini



Connor J. Ross
Roanoke, Virginia

Everyone always speaks bad about going back to school, but I have always had a different opinion on that subject. I think the two main reasons why I am gonna miss this place, my roommates and the VMI Rugby Team. When I came to the Institute, I was forced to live with five other people. Of those five people, two of them I owe me still being here to, Justin Aya-ay and Steve Lindley. Then there was my two other roommates that always made me feel like I was doing alright, Shawn Wangkeochonkitti and Dan Frederick. I always knew that no matter how much trouble I got in, Shawn would get sentenced over 3 times more!! Thanks Club 35! The rugby team..... My personal opinion, the best group of people at VMI. I don't care if we might not have been the rule followers or the best uniform appearance, what matters at this place is the guy standing next to you. I would put my body at risk or go on confinement for my whole cadetship to keep one for everyone on that team.



"Otter"

Computer Science

Rugby 4,3,2,1.

Dyke: Josh Van Cleef '07
Rats: Tyler Yates, Nathaniel McFadden



William M. Rowcliffe
Falls Church, Virginia

I came here buying into the hype like every other high school senior. For a while after I hated the "I" and with just reason. Then one Friday afternoon I was convinced to switch over to "The Dark Side" which led to my discovery that I could change this place and make it what I wanted. Hutch, Shoon, and Padgy: we changed VMI, we took the reputations they gave us and made this Ratline, OUR Ratline, the hardest it's been since we've been here. RDC [illegible] brothers; don't ever hesitate to ask for anything. I'd go to hell and back with any of you. RDC Sirs: I'm sure the bar is high, but couldn't have picked better guys to [illegible]. To my roommates: thanks for putting up with me, I'm sorry. To those who actually deserve to be on it: Suck it Down. It's been rough, and I've learned success depends on more than drive, in the pool and in the corps. To my Rat: I have taught you everything you need to know to succeed, now it will make your mark on VMI. "Never quit. Do everything to the absolute best of your ability."



"Row-Row"

International Studies

Army

Swimming 4,3,2,1; Cpl 3; Sgt RDC 1.

Dyke: Clay Piersall '07
Rats: Elwin Swift

Class of 2010



"Big Safe"

History

Marine Corps

at Challenge 4,3; Academic Mentor 2,1; Cadet Assistant 3,2,1;

Dyke: Mark Falcon '07
Rats: Edward Hobbs

I must start by thanking my family for their support while I've been at VMI. Mom, your love and prayers have been a constant source of strength. Dad, I know you were watching over Ben and I the whole time and you'll be proud of us. Sis, you, Jay and Whitley continuelly made coming home something to look forward to and whenever you came up here it was always a special treat. Ben, you were without a doubt the biggest influence on me while we were here together... thanks for being there for me and making my Rat year something to remember. Through my Brother Rats, VMI has given me the best friends I'll ever have and for that I am eternally grateful. The struggles we have gone through together and the respect we demand are matched by few but envied by many. To my Rats, keep working hard and remember why you come to this place. Make us proud! "A life is not important except in the impact it has on other lives"



Jonathan S. Safrit
Ridgeway, Virginia



"Sags"

International Studies

NCAA Cross Country 4,3,2,1; CAA Track and Field 4,3,2,1.

Dyke: Casey Grey '07
Rats: Jason Thorpe, Andrey Dmtriev

It was a long four years, but yet, it was the fastest four years of my life! To the Bks, there is no class better and no better ladies and gentlemen I would rather be associated with. Thank you for making these times the most memorable times of my life! To the roommates, Benn and Charlie, mean'd you guys make my life hell! "Wait a minute! Ya!" You made my life hell! But it was for the better and kept me sane in this "pleasant abode" I called home for four years! To all of my teammates, you have been my everything and backbone that kept me going through these four years, the tough times and glorious times, for that I cannot thank you enough! All of you are my brothers and sisters for whom I would do anything for and that is from the sincerity of my heart! Always remember, "Impossible is Nothing!" Finally, to the most important people in my life, my family. Words cannot express how much you mean to me. You were there for me every time and every minute of the day! I love you with all my heart and always will!



Matthew K. Sagar
Alexandria, Virginia



"Fungai", "SAT"

Psychology

NCAA Football 4; Rugby 3,2,1.

Dyke: Michael Rice '07
Rats: Conor Black

I guess two broken collar bones, a torn ACL, countless PTs, and ac pro are a great way to spend four years here. This one's to 285 parties. Death Before Dishonor



Reid C. Sutori
San Antonio, Texas

Class of 2010



Matthew R. Satterwhite
Enid, Virginia

These past four years at VMI have flown by with each day feeling like an eternity. I have many final memories of this place and the people who have meant so much to me along the way. Jonathan, Matt, and Leonard; it's been a fun ride fellas and I could not have asked for better roommates. Elwitt, Bill, Travis, Dan, and my other mechanical engineering brothers; without you guys I could not have made it through ME and I will always remember the late night homework/goof-off sessions. To the residents of 11 Freemanville; you guys are well on your way to being great cadets, continue to stay motivated and y'all will do fine. To the many great harriers I have run with throughout the years; thanks, you guys have always been there for me and I will cherish the times we have sweated and bled together on the track. And last but definitely not least, Mom, Dad, and Kyle; thank you for your enduring confidence in me. I will make you all proud. It is time to get my life started and in the wise words of Fat Boy Dan, Live to fish, fish to live.



Mechanical Engineering

NCAA Cross Country 4,3,2; NCAA Track and Field 4,3,2; CIG 3,2,1; Sgt 2; S-6 3.

Dyke: Anthony Harris '07
Rats: Dean Gonsalves, Franklin Van Valkenburg



Matthew J. Sculley
Vienna, Virginia

I have no regrets! Thank you every one for getting me through here!



"Skeet Malley"

History

Army

Aviation Club 3,2,1; Cadet Waiter 3,2,1.

Dyke: Wes Thomas '07



Tanner K. Sewell
Wilmington, North Carolina

The essence of my philosophy can be depicted in the following proverb from Viktor Frankl: "...Everything can be taken from a man but...the last of human freedoms – to choose one's attitude in any given set of circumstances, to choose one's own way." These circumstances, per se, entail almost everything I despise about the relentless, unsympathetic nature of the Mother. My time within Her walls has not been harmonious – a clash of priorities, perhaps – as expected for the mind. Regret? Quite the contrary. Because it is within this struggle – amidst these "circumstances" – that I have become conscious of the unfinished work for which I am responsible. And now, as a result, I know the "why" for my existence, and will be able to bear almost any "how". To my rat: live by Her ethics; embrace Her relentless, unforgiving nature; but do not show weakness in the face of Her onslaught. To those who have carried me almost to the finish, continue, thank you. To my mother, father, and the rest: I love you. And to my professors – those who will accept me to the marketplace of ideas – I am ready to graduate! For that is where I truly belong.



Psychology

NCAA Wrestling 4; NCAA Football 3; Philosophy Club 3,2,1; Cadre 2; CFA 2, 1; The Cadet 2,1; Cadet Assistant

Dyke: David Metzler '07
Rats: Corbit Kellam

Class of 2010



"Sha-nay-nay"

Applied Mathematics

Marine Corps

Honor Court 1;
2 BN CO 1; Cadre 3;
Rat Challenge Cadre 2, 1.

Dyke: Graham Forbes '07
Rats: Kyle Decker,
Clay Lewin

In my time at VMI, I have come to very much appreciate friendships. Having found friends in many different areas of the Institute, I know that these relationships are what I will take away and remember the most from my four years here. All of those friends, too many to address individually, have not just helped me through, but made my stay here truly enjoyable. To all my roommates: good luck wherever your path takes you, I know you will succeed wherever you go. Rich of my rats: Keep the faith brothers; when the going gets tough the tough get going. Dear Mom, Dad, and Paige: I cannot thank you enough for your constant support of me; I love you all so much.



William R. Shannon
Richmond, Virginia



"Charlie"

History

Marine Corps

NCAA Rifle Team 4,3; Sgt 2.

Dyke: Kenny McWilliams '07
Rats: John Taylor Pannill

To anyone who asks me why I came here I always reply, "It seemed like a good idea at the time." In retrospect, it was. Well, maybe... in some ways it was. To my friends and roommates: Thanks for always being there. In the face of complete idiocy, nonsense rules, and our self-righteous masters, you managed to wade through it and smile. You made VMI worthwhile for me. There's not enough money in the world to make me want do this again, but I would in a heartbeat if I knew I could sit for hours at SRC talking with Lizatte, laugh until I nearly cried with Greg, talk guns with Tristan, act like stupid Rats in 402, act like stupid Thirds with John and AJ, go on failed adventures with Matt and Chris, do as little work as possible in DC for 5 weeks... I skipped a lot of people, but you know who you are. I wouldn't trade our good times for anything. To my Rats: Good job so far. Don't get caught up in the system and become a turd. Ladies and Gents, it's been good. Job well done.



John A. Sheehan
West Middlesex, Pennsylvania



"Shirk the Clerk", "Shirk-a-Lurk"

International Studies

Marine Corps

Cadre 4,2,1; Rugby 3; Big Brother/Sister 4; NCMT 2.

Dyke: Scott Pistochini '07
Rats: Tyler Hennelly,
Daniel Walker

Well I was going to use this space to complain and pick out everything wrong with the Institute but I don't think it's really worth it. I'm not really sure where to start so I'll begin with the thanks. Thank you to my family: Mom, Dad, and Kristen. Thanks for all the e-mails and care packages during the rotline and the continual support throughout my time here. I couldn't have done it without you. Thank you to my roommates from all four years. From company room to the guys in '09 to room 161: thank you for making this place bearable and that much more fun. Without our late night antics (including a trip to Stonewall Hospital) and continual harassment of each other I don't think I would have stayed sane. A huge thanks goes out to everyone in Alpha Company as well. Alpha is really the best company on the hill and I am thankful I was allowed the opportunity to lead such a great group of people. In the end, whether good or bad, this place has definitely changed me and I will never forget this place or the people that I've met here.



Jonathan J. Shirley
Chesapeake, Virginia

Class of 2010



Joseph M. Simmes
Cornwall, Pennsylvania

It's finally coming to an end. The relentless asterisk of VMI is over for me and without its peaks and valleys. Looking back I'm glad to know that almost all of my memories are of the good times many because of my friends and family. I'd like to thank my roommates for all the good times we've had together. Justin, Chaney and Will, it's been great. I'll never forget all the dumb stuff we did in order to stay sane at a place like this. To my family: I wouldn't have been able to make it through here without your support from visiting during the Ratline, to supporting the decisions I made, even when you guys weren't so thrilled about them. Thank you! To my Hotel Rats, we've been through so much together and I'm glad that we grew as tight as we have. And to the Rats of 12-3, embrace the system. It's a bit cliché, but it works. Trust your Rats, and take all the leadership and life lessons you can from others. I knew you can succeed here, I did and I have confidence you will too.



"Slow Joe", "Turbo"

Civil and Environmental Engineering

Marine Corps

Rat Challenge 3; Cadre 3,2; MMA 1.

Dyke: Dan Brock '07
Rats: Jeremy Methven, Taylor Schulhofer



Matthew A. Sinkez
Woodbridge, Virginia

I would like to thank my parents for their support, my roommates, Dave and Rob, who always kept me entertained, and my girlfriend Beth who rescued me from this place on the weekends. Without them, I would not have made it through the past four years. I would also like to thank the rats of the room. York, you have been a great rat and I expect great things from you. Hang in there, the years will fly by before you know it.



International Studies, Arabic

Rat Challenge 3,2; Model Arab League 2; OGA

Dyke: Josh Christian '07
Rats: James York



Lincoln F. Spletstoesser
Chesterfield, Virginia

"Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world." -Harriet Tubman No words or sentences can fully describe the relentless battle that is four years of cadetship entails; from the months of confinement to the endless Penalty Tours, to the countless nights without sleep. I definitely have my scars, but the lessons learned from the pain I've endured are rare and irreplaceable. Similarly, I am convinced that words do not exist that are capable of expressing my gratitude or the love I have for my friends. We've been through a lot during my cadetship. Perhaps in some ways we are quite the unconventional bunch, but your never ending support helped me more than you'll ever know. I can honestly say that without you, I would have never made it. To my roommates: Chris, Mike, and Josh- This year was emotionally unstable before I met you guys. Now the only struggles don't even faze me. You've truly the "top of the spoon". I've got mad love for all of you. To my Rat: Nat- You've got a lot in the words of Stonewall Jackson, "You cannot circumvent the responsibility you resolve to be". Only you can define yourself. Stay true to your true boys. This is my legacy.



"Linc", "Spletts"

Economics and Business

Army

NCAA Soccer 4; Boxing 3; Omicron Delta Epsilon 1

Dyke: Worth Bagg '07
Rats: Andrew Montague

Class of 2010



"Sparky"

History

Marine Corps

Men in Grey 3,2,1; Boy Scouts 2,1; Jazz Band 3,2,1; Phi Eta Sigma 3,2,1; Phi Kappa Phi 2,1;

Dyke: Evan Hanks '07
Rats: Carlos Chaves, Josh Lawrence

These have been some of the best and worst four years of my life. I cannot deny that I have learned much. That you, The Mother I, have pushed me in many ways and I have become a better man for it. I hope that I have left you in better shape than when I arrived. If I learned one thing here it was that people make VMI what it is. Brother Rats, and especially my roommates, I love you all. You were always there for me and I know you will continue to be. To all the rats of 3-216, and the rest of 2013, never let any one or anything get you down. You will never be freer or happier than when you come to the realization that you are the master of your thoughts and feelings. Stick to your principles, do what you know to be right, and always put forth your best effort. If you promise the rest will fall into place.



Bingley B. Squire
Emporia, Virginia



Psychology

Marine Corps

XO 4; Sgt 2; Cpl 3; Bulldog 4, 3, 2; Theater 4, 3; Body Building 3, 2; Rugby 4;

Dyke: Blake Faller '06
Rats: Robert Main, Michael Shafer

First and foremost, I will have to thank my dad. Without him I would not be near where I am today. He is by far the strongest influence in my life, and has always stood by my side against every battle I have fought. It has been quite a fight to finish, that's for sure. But I made it. I learned a lot through my experiences here, and I would like to thank all my true friends for standing by me no matter what. I could not have done it without y'all. My roommates this year, Franz, Mike, Wick, Jeremy (honorable) y'all have been great. To my Ex-wo rats (3rds), stay true to yourself. Don't get manipulated by this place and forget who you are. That happens way too often to people here. To the Bravo 2nds, y'all are true leaders. Keep your heads on straight. Main, you have a good heart and a great sense of humor. Don't ever change that, that will get you farther in the real world that you know. Shafer, you're a smart kid, sometimes too smart for your own good, haha. Suck it up, you'll be done before you know it. You both have already made me more proud than you'll know. I came, I saw, I CONQUERED. Peace!



David J. Staub II
Fredericksburg, Virginia

Class of 2010



Jared E. Slain
Rocky Ridge, Maryland

"The most fun I never want to have again" represents my thoughts as I reflect on my time at VMI. Would I come here again? Never. Am I glad I went through it? Absolutely. What I have come to realize is that VMI is simply a microcosm of the real world - only magnified. The irony of it all is that all that we complain about - the pointless rules, the unfairness, and the double standards - is exactly that which has prepared us for dealing with real life. To room 333 and others: You all have been the source of laughter, frustration, inspiration, conviction, annoyance, and true friendship over the last three years. I have changed as a result of each one of you - some ways good, others way bad. I will miss you all. To my Family: I owe you all for your countless trips down here, prayers, guidance and unconditional love. Leah, your endless supply of food has sustained me. Your support via letters, emails, and phone conversations has been invaluable. I haven't deserved it. To my rats and Jordan: You have a long way ahead of you. Don't forget to have fun or you will be miserable. Take advantage of what this place can teach you. Don't let the past dictate your future.



"That's Jared"

Electrical and Computer Engineering

Cadre 3,2,1. IEEE 4,3,2,1.

Dyke: Tyler Freeman '07
Rats: Stephen Hartnett, Brian Graham



Stefan A. Stark
Winchester, Virginia

It's hard to believe that it's my first class year and I am writing this. VMI has taught me a great deal. Apart from this being a great school, I really think that it's the people that go here that make all the difference in the world. It is also pretty tough to explain to other people what this place is like and why the friendship and camaraderie we have is so strong. I would just like to thank my family for their constant love and support because, without them, this place would have been a hell of a lot tougher. To my rats...This past year has been great. Just remember what I taught you. Study hard, stay true to your family and friends, and have fun. I wish you the best of luck these next few years. "The bond that makes us brothers will never die, for throughout life we will go through hardships and find our brothers at our side."



"Stark"

Civil and Environmental Engineering

Army

Club Basketball 4,3,2,1.

Dyke: Brandon Price '07
Rats: Spencer Plante, Robert Pospisil



Raymond E. Stutsman
Chesapeake, Virginia

Looking back at the past four years, I can safely say the only thing that's kept me sane is my rat mates. Silvis, Josh, Steve, George, Kenny, Mike, Cheese, and Logan; thanks for the good times and let's keep them rolling. I also have to thank my parents for staying sane with me over the past four years as well. Thank you for all the time you have invested in me and I promise it was well invested. Long live the Troop.



"EGR", "Ray-WHY"

Electrical and Computer Engineering

Army

Private 4,3,2,1;
CCS 2.

Dyke: Victor Karpov '07
Rats: Josh Gilliland

Class of 2010



"Red", "Satan"

Biology

Navy

.C.A.A Womens Soccer 4,3,2,1.

)yke: Kathleen Resetar '07
Rats: Taylor Armstrong,
Leigha Bowmegre



Alexi K. Staton
Roanoke, Virginia



"Reid", "Gaylord"

French

he Cadet 3,2; English Society
4,3,2,; Music Society 4,3,2,;
Pre-Law Society 4,3,2;
Rat Challenge 4,3,2;

Dyke: Colin Burns '07

I just want to thank all my brother rats for dragging me back here. I couldn't have done it without you.



Anton D. Stelly
Richmond, Virginia



International Studies

Marine Corps

Cadre 3,2,1; Power Lifting 1;
Club Boxing 4,3

Dyke: Bryan Nelson '07
Rats: Corey Cooke,
Jesse Wiley

To my friends and family I thank you for all the help over the years. Without your help it would have made life a lot harder to get through VMI and all the struggles that came along with it. VMI has not been what I expected but then again I'm not sure if I know what to expect when I get here. On the outside VMI looks clean and pristine, a well-oiled machine, go deeper and it's easy to see that VMI is clearly not exactly as it seems. For good or bad I hope I have left my imprint on the Institute. Best of luck to everyone, and to my closest friends thanks for the good times and I look forward to many more in the future.



Robert T. Stockman III
Chesapeake, Virginia

Class of 2010



Brandon M. Shultz
Vienna, Virginia

VMI is a terrible experience that I wouldn't change for the world. From rat year to 1st class year I have made friends for a lifetime and I want to thank all you guys for the tough times and the times at Mac's. This place would not be complete without my kids, but most importantly my roommates Knox "Wicknec" Witcher, Chris "Zarychen" Zarycki, and Jack "Jackolai" Wrightiens" Wright. Also, thanks to my parents for support and tuition for four years. I wish all of you guys all the luck in the world in your future endeavors.

HR, Roommates, ME's of 2010, "Ball-Busters" of 2010, Family, and last but not least, Bill the Mailman for prompt deliveries of care packages.



"Stratz-Nasty", "Fat Back"

Mechanical Engineering

Air Force

Rat Challenge 3; Guidon 1

Dyke: Vince Noel '07
Rats: Ryan Gilley
Bryan Vance



Daniel A. Strausbaugh
Carroll County, Maryland

The past four years have been interesting to say the least. Time here at the Mother I is a strange thing... it seems that as the days would drag on from R'RC till TAPS, the weeks would fly by, leaving little more than a blink of an eye between the drums of "Meet Your Cadre" and First Class Year. It's hard to accurately convey my emotions regarding the Institute and my cadetship, but I can say with confidence that it's been one hell of a ride. I came to VMI because I wanted a challenge...and a challenge is what I got. To describe VMI sometimes I love it, most times I love to hate it, but I couldn't see myself anywhere else. To my family, I can't thank you enough for all your love and support. Especially my parents, Mom, Dad, I may not do a very good job of showing it, but I love you both very much and am eternally grateful for all you have done for me. Mike, good choice, bro. Finally, to my friends. Hotel, ME's, my roommates Kyle and Wang- thank you all, there is no way I could have done it without you. To the Rats- Chris, Brian, Fred and Chon- keep on truckin and never loose sight of your goals.



"Questions", "Strasbag"

Mechanical Engineering

Navy

Cadre 3,2; S-7 1.

Dyke: Corey Bafford '07
Rats: Chris Wunsch



Ryan A. Stull
Johnson City, Tennessee

My VMI experience has consisted of working my butt off during the week with high expectations of having a fun weekend. This was in an attempt to summon enough energy in order to successfully complete the next week of school. Do this a few hundred times, and you get the VMI experience.



History

Army

OGA 1.

Dyke: Chase Perry '07
Rats: Matt Fisher

Class of 2010



"Sunny-B", "Sunderwear"

English

Army

CEA 3,2; Frisbee 3.

Dyke: Steve Prugh '07

From day 1 I knew that VMI was going to be a struggle. Yet, what followed was far from anything I could have ever fathomed. I wanted to quit this place every single day, but for some unknown reason I stuck it out. But even though I utterly despised this institution, I still learned a lot throughout my cadetship (most importantly the truth of human nature). To those who care to read (and my rats whom are forced to read), I offer the only advice I have to give: Keep it real…Loyalty is one of the most underpraised values that any leader can uphold. Always trust your instincts…sometimes only you can know what is right for yourself. And most importantly, take this opportunity to discover yourself. People will abandon you when times get rough. To those people who stuck by my side through thick and thin (you know who you are): Thank you for everything…I could not have done this without you. Through your assistance, I have finally come to understand the true meaning of "unconditional love." I could never possibly convey how much you wonderfulfew are eternally appreciated. God Bless.



Michael T. Sundbeck

Chesterfield, Virginia



"Ty"

Mechanical Engineering

NCAA Men's Soccer 4,3.

Dyke: Josh Copes '07

Rats: Cory Spangenburg, John Garrett

Over the past few years here I have learned that you can't get through this place without friends. You will make and remain friends with them for the rest of your lives. Josh, Storm, Jordan, and Paul thanks for being there when I needed you and I wish you the best in everything that you do. To the rats: John and Cory, do your best in everything you do here. I promise it will pay off in the end.



Emerson T. Sutterfield

Richmond, Virginia



"Muddy"

International Studies

Private 4,3,2,1; Power Lifting 2; OGA 1.

Dyke: Matthew Leary '07

Rats: Sean Rogers

Despite missing out on the "college experience", I have had a good time these past four years. I have formed many strong friendships while learning some key points: a sense of humor goes a long way, procrastination is an art form, and having a good time should be at the top of the "values list". To Bravo Company, we will always be Ball Busting. To all of my roommates who are still here, from STP to First Class Year: Ryan, Dan, Tyler, Jared, Nick, Roy, Silas, Kenny, and George - our debauchery has been amazing. To my ex-dykes who are still here: Mot, Silas, Ben – Dirty One-Thirties! To my rat, I am going to pass onto you the legacy my dyke left me: do not get rank, do not become a permit, and do as little work as possible. To all of those above and the Class of 2011, I wish you well in your lives after VMI.



Logan K. Swanson

Midlothian, Virginia

Class of 2010



Levi A. Swindell, Jr.
Elk Grove, California

I just would like to say to my parents and grandparents, thank you so much for supporting me. VMI has taught me so much about life. The bonds I made here will last a lifetime. I can remember my dyke Jomaal telling me, "Levi, once you make it through the ratline the other three years will flip by sooner than you think." I have to admit he was right. I would like to say I had the best roommates anyone could ever have. There is Brad, "Mr. Global" he will be remembered by his global trips to the Middle East. Jason "Mr. Local," hasley...whom do I begin. Well I just have say that Jason is one good friend, and he too will achieve a great deal in life. I can see him as a hotel judge/lawyer in Lynchburg, VA. For Travis and Carter, I wish you guys the best of luck in the service. I will see you after OCS. To my rats, Richie and Austin I wish you guys the best of luck in your journey at VMI. Again, I just want to say thanks to all my family and friends for supporting me in fulfilling my dream.



History

Rat Challenge 3; Guidon

Dyke: Jomaal Walton '0
Rats: Richard Williams
Austin Lewis



Alexander I. Taylor
Newport News, Virginia

What can I say about VMI that hasn't been said before? After having been here for over 3 years, I have come up with my own views of this place. Overall, you get what you put in. Starting with the Rattine, this place can be as easy or as hard as you want it to be. With that said, I have learned to take things with a grain of salt and to try my best not to sweat the small stuff. This place is a mini version of the real world because personal problems occur and the only thing that matters is whether you're up to standard or not. Good training, especially for those looking towards a career in the military such as myself. After all is said and done, VMI will remain in our memories as we continue through out our journey called life. I thank my family and friends for helping me become who I am today. One thing that has remained constant, you can never make it through here alone. "Do not pray for an easy life, pray for the strength to endure a difficult one." -Bruce Lee



"Hoosy", "ATown"

Civil and Environmental Engineering

Army

Dyke: Anthony Menas '0
Rats: Michael Kelcher



Virginia L. Taylor
Arlington, Virginia

First and foremost, I would like to thank my mom and dad for their tremendous support for the past few years. I couldn't have done this without you! It didn't matter if I could only see you for a few minutes, you made the trip here to see me more times than I can remember; and that made all the difference. Paige, I know you probably hate coming down here now, but your support was wonderful! I'll always treasure the long afternoons in Nichols and the PX with you and the "Super Sweet 16"! And thank you to my roommates. You have been always been there for me, and I know you will go on to accomplish great things! To my CE study buddies- I enjoyed those long nights in NEB very much! Thank you for your patience, and I have learned so much from you all. Good luck, Blair and Leigh Ann, you have been awesome rats. Work hard, remember that academics come first, and keep your heads down- I know you two will do well here!



"VA"

Civil and Environmental Engineering

Academic Mentor 3,2,1; Col Guard 2; Tau Beta Pi 2,1; P Eta Sigma 4; SWE 4; S-4 1; S-3 2.

Dyke: Karen Bill '07
Rats: Leigh Fortney,
Ellen Wood

Class of 2010



"Tell", "EZ"

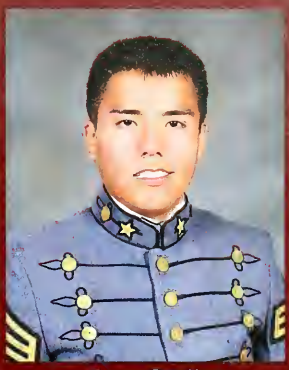
History

Navy

rident Society 3,2,1; S2 3,2; 1; Character Counts 2; Big Brother/Sister 2; Mentor 2;

Dyke: Jose Lopez '07
ats: Peter Diamantopulos, Thomas Donley

I believe its impossible to sum up the VMI experience in 200 words or less, but I'll give it a shot. First of all, I want to say thanks to my family, I never could have made it without them. I cannot begin to express my gratitude to VMI's faculty for all they have done. I never thought that I could learn so much from a small, military school in southern Virginia. I'll especially like to thank Professor Blair, COL Vargas, BG Brower, COL Jensen, COL Muir, COL Turner, CAPT Turner, MAJ Brooke, and CAPT Riester. I came to VMI because I wanted to commission in the Navy, but I stayed because of the academics (and the ring). I'll like to give a shout-out to my roommates Alex, Paul, and Ed. I'll never forget some of the things that went down in Room 178. To my co-dyke Seif, I'm there if you ever need anything. Finally, I'll leave a few words of wisdom to my rats. Pete and Tom, you two are just beginning to learn what VMI is really like. Keep studying, deal with the BS one day at a time, and take advantage of everything VMI offers.



Jorge Tellez
Fairfax, Virginia



"Father Tench", "Tencher"

Electrical and Computer Engineering

NCAA Football 4,3,2,1; Engineering Club 3,2; Band 4,3,2,1.

Dyke: Joshua Thompson '07
Rats: Nick Sadowski, Logan Sorensen

I wish the best to all of my brother rats, and I hope that they look forward to the pleasures of life away from VMI as much as I have for the last four years. I wish that my rats do as well as they are capable, and do not hesitate to call if they find themselves in a bit of trouble. I would like to thank Charles Ryland Tench JR. and Major Dale for their commitment to my success.



Justin R. Tench
West Point, Virginia



"Sunshine"

Civil and Environmental Engineering

Cpl 3; RDC 1.

Dyke: Tom Pepka '07
Rats: Kevin Pousler

I'm now finding myself asking the same question I would ask my dykes all the time when I was a Rat: "Are you going to miss this place after you graduate?" At the time, I never understood why they hesitated to answer, but now I do. This place has grown on me over the past four years that have flown by in a blur of uniforms, formations, parades, long nights of studying in Nichols, and count downs till furloughs. At first, VMI seemed like a depressing place, but now, it has an added sense of unbreakable camaraderie. To Ma and Dad, my family, friends, and Brother Rats, thank you for all of your much needed love, support, and encouragement. Your advice and wisdom is what really got me through VMI. My Rat year was filled with confusion and gloom. Third class year I realized that I had made friendships that will last the rest of my life. Second class year was counting down to ring figure and starting to see the light at the end of the tunnel. First class year - the intensity of my time in the RDC - I have never felt so proud to be a part of something. So, will I miss this place? I never thought I would admit it, but I truly will. To my RAT: Hang in there, I am proud of you



Fletcher S. Thompson
Mobile, Alabama

Class of 2010



Racheal E. Toman
Richmond, Virginia

My journey through the past four years has been long and rough. I would not have been able to make it without my family and friends. Katie, Ashley, and Jessica you guys have a long way to go, make sure that you make the best of it and just keep going no matter what happens. I know that you all will do well! Mom, Robert, Dad, Amanda, Gary, Debbie, Dana, Ashley you all have been great supporters of me throughout my journey with an endless flow of cookies, brownies, and each Saturday tailgate. Thank you I will never forget what you have done for me! Kelly (Mike Vick) what can I say, we went through it all together. I don't think that I will ever have a closer friend than you; I hope that you succeed and become everything that you hoped to be and more. To everyone else, Christopher, Rob, Jack your time here has run out as well I hope to see you as great Admirals, Scientists (or Doctors), and Out of Sight Hippies. Anna, you will always be my third and I wish you the best in life! Graduating Finally! See you in five years, but no less than that!



Joshua K. Toomey
Richmond, Virginia

Thanks to all the people that helped me get here and then stay here.



Travis C. Travis
Lime Stone, Tennessee



"Tiny Toman", "LittleT"

Electrical and Computer Engineering

Glee Club 4; Softball 4,3,2; Band Co. 4,3,2,1; OGA 1; IEEE 4,3,2,1; SAME 1; The Bomb 2,1; FLL 2; SWE

Dyke: Catrina Helsel '07
Rats: Katie Gill, Jessie Snead, Ashley Nevin



"Kaineypoo", "Bob Sacamano"

Civil and Environmental Engineering

CEA 1.

Dyke: Lucas Gordon '07
Rats: Tim Kendzia, Anthony Foster

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Mechanical Engineering

Navy

Rats: John Wilson

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Civil and Environmental Engineering

GC 1.

Dyke: Thane Smith '07
Rats: Dustin Desch

WW First off I got to thank the Mama Dukes. Without you I would never have the drive to be where I am today. You gave me every opportunity to succeed, and never gave up on me even when I got myself into the dumbest of situations. To my roommates; Keanly, Brian, and Merlon, without you guys I would have quit a long time ago. We have been through a lot together whether it was good or bad, but we made it and I could not have ever asked for a better group of guys to do it with. To my A4 Crew; couldn't have served that penalty with finer gentlemen than you, you guys kept me sane during that whole disaster. To my rat; Dusty, you are just starting your long journey to graduation. This place is what you make it. This is a great place to be from and cherish that, but never let this place define you as an individual. Don't let this place consume you, there are more important things in life. Keep your head on straight and always stay true to yourself and you will be out of here before you know it.



Miles P. Treacy
Virginia Beach, Virginia



"The Chrom", "CH"

History

Cadre 3; CIG, 3; Ring Figure Committee 2; SGM 2; PVT 2, 1; Powerlifting 2, 1; Rat Challenge 1; KDC 1.

Dyke: Jonathan Schmidt '07
Rats: Caleb Cluff, Jared Sullivan

It's been a long journey. I think if I had looked at the road map of life a little closer I may not have taken the road less traveled, but I'm glad that I've had the privilege and honor of attending the best school in the nation. To my family, dykes, mentors, and brothers, I would've made it without you and I contribute what success I have had to you, for you were the ones who motivated, pushed, and pulled me to do my best and what was right. To my rats, do your best, always, and try to remember the good lessons and forget the bad ones I have passed. Until the day I die, I will always cherish the memories I've had during my cadetship, uphold the standard of honor, and forever RAGE!



Owen T. Trotman
Chesapeake, Virginia



"Kat", "Kitty"

Applied Mathematics

NCAA Women's Soccer 4,3,2,1.

Dyke: Hatley Clifford '07
Rats: Leah Schubel, Chelsea Lay

"College is the best years of my life." I've been told this numerous times. Hopefully, VMI will not be the best years of my life. Over the past 4 years I've have experienced some of the good and definitely some of the bad. Nevertheless, I have made some of the best friends I will ever have. The roomies I love you girls: Asia, Chandale, and Chrissy. It's been so much fun living and going out with you. Wish we had spent more time together. And the soccer girls… How can I ever forget you? I don't think I have ever made it through a time with you all and not joked and laughed. Andrew, you made life here bearable when I was at my worst. Throughout all the bad that can come from VMI, my friends have made the struggle worthwhile with laughing and crying together. I've learned love, loss, friendship, and perseverance. Academics and the military lifestyle are not what I will take with me into the future. Frankly, I hope to never be outside at 7 in the morning or ever touch a rifle again.



Kathleen T. Underwood
Spotsylvania, Virginia

Class of 2010



Saif A. Vazquez

Hopewell, Virginia



International Studies

Dyke: '07
Rats: Robert Hopkins, Christopher Schweikert

Yesterday you were a little bundle of joy who giggled (once) and screamed (often) and fought the world over everything. From reading a clock to shiny leather shoes, you were trying to do it your way—and you did. Today, you graduate with VMI as solid foundation upon which to build your future. Your legacy is yet to be written but VMI and your brother rats have contributed to how your legacy will end. Use their sacrifices wisely and think of them when you are challenged; they will guide you and help you see the way out. It seems like just yesterday that we became a class. We have experienced so many things as a class. I would not have been able to survive this place without the people who were there for me. I just want to thank all my friends who were there to talk, laugh, and vent with, and for the amazing weekends; my rat neighbors for all the awesome dance parties; Goff for all the funny times and stories; to Richard for always being there to talk about everything, all the hilarious stupid jokes we thought of and almost died laughing about, being the person that I could share everything with. Now we are all about to embark on our futures and leave this place, but always stay close. To my rats: you both have the strength to accomplish anything.



Kelly M. Vickery

Herndon, Virginia



"Bubbles", "Mike Vick"

International Studies

Club Softball 4,3,2,1; CCS 2
S-2 1.

Dyke: Whitney Matthews '1
Rats: Keslie Carrion, Sarah Hunziker

DON'T TREAD ON ME! Wades Words of Wisdom: Someone ever tries to kill you, you try to kill 'em right back! Don't take life too seriously...no one gets out alive! Some things in life you only get to do once...but if you do them right once is enough. People live or live without rhyme or reason. That's all there is to it. There is always someone who has it worse. You have blisters on your hand. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose. - Dr Seuss A day without sunshine is like a day without sunshine. Last one alive loves the most. Life is too short to wake up in the morning with regrets. Love the people who treat you right, forget the ones who don't, and realize that everything happens for a reason. If you get a chance, take it. If it changes your life, let it. Nobody said it would be easy...they just promised it would be worth it. Rock here. Save the day.



Alexander M. Wade

Lexington, Virginia



"Wade"

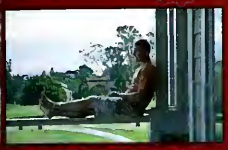
History

Army

Frisbee 3,2.

Dyke: Andrew Timpner "0
Rats: Kevin McMasters Patrick Leet

Class of 2010



"Texas Ranger", "T.K."

Civil and Environmental Engineering

Marine Corps

Rat Challenge 3,2,1; OGA 1.

Dyke: Will Doyle '07
Rats: Brandon Ogles, Peter Knissler

Looking back on my time at VMI, I have come to realize that there were some great times here at the "T". Some of which include going out with Jacob and Tyler every weekend 2nd class year and drinking, Ring Figure, which was unbelievable, and just having the opportunity to be with some of the best guys in the world. When I first came here as a Rat I thought it would never end, and now that I'm at the end I wonder where all the time went. VMI is a very unique place with many ups and downs but if you are able to endure it over the course of four years then you are guaranteed to leave with memories that will never be forgotten.



Neil C. Walker
Franklin County, Virginia



Computer Science

Taiwan Republic of China Army

Dyke: KuiYu Shih '07
Rats: Yu-Cheng Chen, Fred Wang

To my dyke, thank you for setting the example for me, thank you for reminding me all the time that we carry the expectation as a Taiwanese cadet. To my rats, thanks for all of you work for me. It is a pleasure for me to work with you all throughout this year. To my roommates, Kyle and Dan, you are the best friends I've ever have in my life. The time we spent together will be the treasure in my memory for ever. For the past eight years, God has used the most incredible way bringing me to VMI, prepared a place for me to meet Him. VMI is such a sinful place filled with judgment and hatred. But God called us to this place for the purpose of glorifying Him. Shining the light in the darkness and stepping out of our comfort zone. Since the universe was created, till today, and days are coming, He is still standing on the water, calling us to step out of the boat.



Kuan-Chih Wang
Kaohsiung, Taiwan



"Kris"

Biology

NCAA Football 4,3,2,1.

Dyke: Charles Nweke '07
Rats: Edward Ross, David Eberhardt



Krishpher S. Wise
Chesapeake, Virginia

Class of 2010



Jacob L. Weimer
Bear, Delaware



Nicholas B. Weishaar
Richmond, Virginia

It's been a rough four years, I know I couldn't have done it without the help of my dykes, Scott Harvey, Josh Christian, and Rob Thompson, my co-dykes, Matt Sinkez, and Ian Black, and my various roommates throughout the years; Brandon Singleton, Logan Swanson, Ray Stutsman, Silvis Belt, Kenny Green, and George Degennaro, to name a few. To my dyke; Scott, thanks for getting me through the ruttiness. Some of my fondest memories of VMI are of room 119. I try to be the dyke that you were. To my rat; Jackson, carry on the legacy that my Dyke passed on to me. Be good to your rat when the time comes and don't let this place get to your head, because it will if you let it. Never get rank, be humble, and always try to find time to relax. I never really bet myself at VMI I still don't know why I came here. Whether or not it was the right choice I'll always have my memories and the friends I made. Thank you all.



Daniel L. Welsh
Evans, Georgia

I'm a man of unclean lips. God, give me wisdom to write what you would have me write. Keep me humble because it's not about me. It's no accident that I attended VMI. It's no accident that you are reading these words. Don't ignore these words. They aren't mine but another's. "I am the LORD and apart from me there is no savior. Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved. As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, [but] it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. Therefore, I urge you brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will." For His Glory.



Mechanical Engineering

NCAA Lacrosse 4,3,2,1.

Dyke: Brat Wilhite '07
Rats: William Baker



"Nick"

Electrical and Computer Engineering

Private 4,3,2,1; CGA 1; The Civet 4,3,2,1.

Dyke: Scott Harvey '07
Rats: Jackson Swin



"Dear", "D-dub"

Economics and Business

NCAA Soccer 4,3,2,1; Discip ship Breakfast 4,3,2,1; Chap lain 1; S-2 1; Omicron Del Epsilon 1; Sigma Eta Del 1; CIG 3,2,1; Phi Kappa Phi Phi Eta Sigma 4,3,2,1; F 4,1; Honors Program 4,3,2

Dyke: Liam O'Brian '07
Rats: Justin Tomlin, Robert Danielson

Class of 2010



"Pat"

Mechanical Engineering

Army

Rat Challenge 3,2,1;
Jazz Band 4,3,2,1.

Dyke: Welsey Hopkins '07
Rats: Brent Shull,
Thomas Drewn

Thank you, mom and dad for helping me through this place. Thanks to my brother rats for making it interesting. To COL. Brodie, "You're the man."

"If a man does his best, what else is there?" –General Patton



Patrick A. Wentzel
Erie, Pennsylvania



"D-Werm", "WermDog"

Physics

Navy

Glee Club 4,3,2,1; Men in Grey 3,2,1; Martial Arts Club 3,2; RFF 2,1; Physics Society 4,3;

Dyke: Dustin Schultz '07
Rats: Sean McCauley,
Jackson Montgomery

I pray to God for adventure beyond all imagination
I did not ask to be born for did I? but I was
A world of great and infinitesimal cities and children
I was one who was all alone
God is my brother saving me from the edge of despair
A world of rich and powerful versus the hopeless and weak
I vowed to save them and myself
I saw things which no eyes had seen ears had not heard
All people see plains I walked on mountaintops
Admiring God's and man's creation and design yet to love people and know them
The next stage of life came I was unprepared
Out of experiences I care little to share.
I finally saw plains and knew the people
My hands look different like a normal man's for some years I did not watch them grow
I do coolness in chaos tease my best of friends
I have not seen supernature in so long
I almost no longer believe
So I pray to you again, God to carry me forward make my dreams reality
And so I thank you, the Mother "I" for making me who/what I wanted to be



Dominik M. Wemus
Virginia Beach, Virginia



"Leo"

International Studies

Army

NCAA Lacrosse 4,3,2,1.

Dyke: John Limauro '07
Rats: Christopher Kelly,
Brett Kitchen

Everyone always says that college is the best years of your life, well after looking back at VMI I have realized, life is going to suck. Although I make fun of the "I", I would rather be here than anywhere else. VMI has developed me into the man I am today; honest, confident, and let's not forget punctual, i.e. "made it to formation with one second to spare, AKA punctual." VMI only molded the foundation my family gave me. Thank you Mother, Father, and Christopher; watching you overcome your personal struggles, as well as your occasional kick in my butt have been my motivating force. To my BK's we did it together and I will always be at your side. To my only STP roommate we made it together with a few Smarties to spare. To my roommates, I love you guys and always will, but I can't wait to wake up and play music first thing in the morning. Finally to Kitchen and Kelly and all the rats in H; VMI is not an easy place to survive or do well, but both of you have what it takes. I believe in you, and you can succeed here.



Leonard M. Weschler
Vienna, Virginia

Class of 2010



Weston D. Whitcomb
Indianapolis, Indiana

In my time here at VMI I have learned many things about life. First and most importantly, is the necessity of relying upon Jesus Christ in all things. With a trust in God for strength we can do most anything. No matter what the situation, whether it be a gutwrenching workout or a 25 page paper He will see you through the storm. The second lesson is the importance of true friends. True friends never leave your side no matter what the situation. I can honestly say that I am the most blessed human being on earth because of the friends I have made here. They are the brothers I have never had and I cannot imagine my life without them. The third lesson is the concept of time management. I never in all my life thought I could do so much in one day and yet have more to do. Every second here counts no matter what time of day. The last lesson is the importance of giving your absolute all. Wake up every day with the mindset of giving your absolute best. If you give your best, then at the end of the day, you can go to sleep content knowing that you left nothing back. You are defined by your actions not your words. Never slack off and never quit.



"Wez"

History

Army

Ranger Challenge 4,3,2,1;
Honor Court 2,1.

Dyke: John Shlug '07
Rats: Cory Byron



Sarah V. Whitten
Houston, Texas

This place has taught me that as long as you have the heart to do something you can get through anything. I would never trade my experiences and the friendships I have gained since being here. I have met people who will be lifelong friends and that I would do anything for them. I want to thank my mom and dad for supporting me when I needed them and giving me the opportunity to live and create my dreams. I thank my roommates, Rachel and Virginia, for always being there when I have needed them. When we part from this place it will be bitter sweet.



Computer Science

Rifle Team 4,3,2,1;
Glee Club 4,3,2,1.

Dyke: Erin Hottle '07
Rats: Kimberly Wheeler



Chandale N. Williams
Miami, Florida

Mama Katrz (you were the best dyke ever!), Jon (my heart and best friend of 5 years, I'll love you forever and always), my roomies (me work awesome! I love you guys!), Kat (rat roomie and the other bad girl of Charlie. Chuck Co stand up!), my track family (Squishy, Z, Crutches, Dentist, Trey Songz, Tezzy Phiz, and yes, the Canadian and African too, I am going to miss you guys SO much! Get yo some!), and last but not least, my robbies. Believe me, 2013 will be here before you know it. The ratline was only a mild stepping stone into what you will endure for the next 3 years of your life. Remember: it's not of tomb's, books before boys and you're here for a purpose. The only person who can get in your way of success is you, so don't! The last one standing! I'm out this piece!



"Deezy"

Biology

NCAA Track and Field 4,3

Dyke: Ketra Alexander '0
Rats: Corinne Lariviere
Andrea Holman

Class of 2010



"Jay-Z", "Zachvirious"

Biology

Army

Cpl 3; Sgt 2; Lt 1; Cadre 1; NCMT 2; Cadet Battery 3; NCAA Football 4;

Dyke: Mike Watson '07
Rats: Tyler Hagen, Alex Adkins

VMI has been an experience that I would never want to change. I have hated times here and I have loved times here. But, regardless of the frustrations and the things that have made no sense at all, I have treasured my time here. To my family I want to say thank you for pushing me to keep going and to not look back. To my roommates we have had many great times together, once we will be able to look back on during our 50th reunion. My experience at VMI would not have been the same without you Carter, Bob, John, and Cody. Not only are you four my brother rats but you are also my brothers. To my rats I want to say that I hope you get everything out of this experience as you can. I hope that you are able to come to love this place as much as I have. Finally, and most importantly, to my brother rats, we have fought, sweat, bled, and struggled together for the past four years. I have enjoyed every minute. I have spent being in the Class of 2010. Let our legacy continue as we leave VMI



James Z. Williams
Powell, Ohio



Biology

Army

Dyke: Pete Duvigneaud '07



Matthew D. Winks
Hampton, Virginia



"Joe"

Psychology

Coast Guard

Rugby 3,2,1; Rat Challenge 3; Cadre 2,1.

Dyke: Larry Richardson '07
Rats: Eric Conti, Drew Cloeter

"Life's a beach, so go surfing." To my parents: Thank you for all your support and for making me live up to my potential. To my grandmother: You always believed in me and reminded me that, this too, will pass. To my dyke: I learned that tough love works on people like me. To my rats: Don't second guess yourself, you are in the right place. To Roy: Four years, what was I thinking? Never change and never forget me. To Sam: It was a game and I won. You kept me sane during our time in the zoo! "In the book of life, the answers aren't in the back." –Charlie Brown



Jonathan M. Winoker
Chesapeake, Virginia

Class of 2010



John K. Witcher
Pisgah, Tennessee

I remember Jack and I sitting in our room at STI saying "I want mail to graduation to get here so we can just this year over with." It hard to believe that that was almost four years ago. I have been truly blessed in my time at VMI and I thank and praise Jesus Christ for his guiding and leading me along. Dad and Mom, I know I have probably given you a lot of headaches over the last four years, but I truly appreciate all the work and sacrifice you have given for me to be in school here. I love and thank you both. Jack, Chris, and B: having friends and roommates like you is what made this place tolerable. I will always miss our nimless allnighters, inside jokes, and eccentricities that other rooms just didn't understand. Sam and the 4A rats: keep your head up; it really does get better. I think VMI is best summarized by a great man named Rob Witcher: "The world is full of pointless nonsense. That's why VMI is a great preparation for the world; it's a four-year exercise in putting up with pointless nonsense."



"Knee", "WT"

Economics and Business

CIG 3,2,1; Electromobile 3; Rat Challenge 3.

Dyke: Larry Richardson '
Rats: Sam Thomas



Paul J. Wojtas
Newport News, Virginia

Originally I came to VMI because my dad said that he wouldn't pay for any other school. After spending a semester in the ratline and creating a bond with so many different people, I decided that this is the place for me. I was never the best at anything that I did, be it academics or PT (especially PT). But I knew that coming out of VMI I would have a great life. I am engaged and soon to be married to an amazing woman, I have 2 great rats that I hope to be able to still talk to in the years to come and I will be a Navy officer. My friends from this place will always share a common heritage of the amazing Class of 2010. To my rats, my brother rats and all my friends remember that no matter what this place does to try to remember you are your own person and that you should never change who you are for anyone. Live a great life and never forget those you love. They are the people you can count on. To the Class of 2010: Rah Virginia Mil.



"Fritos", "Woj"

Psychology

Navy

Paintball Team 3,2; CCS 1

Dyke: Tim Labresh '07
Rats: Paul Wojcik, Christian Richardson



Shawn W. Wonkuchonkilli
Burke, Virginia

Who knows what will happen to us when we leave here... especially those heading to war. Some of us may not make it back to our future reunions... And it is because of this that I dedicate my narrative to "The Unknown Leader," the soldier or civilian who carries the men and women of our future forward, unwaveringly, sometimes falling unknown or never receiving praise. I know that the Class of 2010 will do what is right, even if it goes unnoticed. Never relinquish the qualities which you have been imbued with: perseverance in the face of adversity, guilty to those fighting beside you, and courage against those willing to undermine what we hold dear. Doing what is right can be a tough and lonely business, so cheers to you, the Unknown Leaders from VMI, may God watch over you in all that you do. Oh yeah, and don't forget to have fun!



"Wack-a-Kilt"

Economics and Business

Army

Cadre 3,2; Staff 1; Ranger Challenge 2; Club Football

Dyke: Komgrit Kotcharakso
Rats: Thomas Hulcher, Logan O'Day

Class of 2010



"Jack"

Economics and Business

Rat Challenge 3.

Dyke: Jake Willis '07
Rats: Adam Trafel

Many years from now, I may not remember the inscription on the parapet. However, I am positive, that I will remember all the friends I have made over the past four years at the I. To my roommates: Chris "Zeraclon", Knox "Whitner" and Brandon "Stratagonicus Maximmicus", thank you for always being my support, our late night talks and inside jokes will always be my most comforting memories about the I. I can't say that I love being at the I, but I know there is nowhere else I would rather be, but at VMI. To my mom, dad, sister, I am greatly appreciative and thankful for your love and support, in everything I do in life. The numerous phone calls of reassurance, or "just to talk" will never be forgotten. To everyone else, my summer roommates, neighbors in barracks, cadets of the past and present, thank you for the memories good and bad. I couldn't have made it without knowing that my best friends were going through the struggle with me. I love you all, and wish that VMI is the stepping stone for a successful and blessed future for all of us.



Jonathan W. Wright
Franklin, Virginia



"Matt"

Chemistry

Army

The Cadet 3,2,1; Cadet Battery 3,2,1; OGA 1; NCMT 2.

Dyke: Joe Cassin '07
Rats: Josh Bates, Caleb Sheartridge

I have found after four years there is so much more to the Institute than any one from the outside could ever understand. The bonds I have made inside these four walls over the years are stronger than any I will make for the rest of my life. I would first like to thank my parents for their unending support, without you two I could not have made it this far. Jess, thank you for always giving me something to laugh at even when nothing else was going right and for staying with me through three years of this place. I couldn't write this without thanking my roommates and all my friends. You guys have always been there and provided a good time. I would also like to thank those professors who put their time into me, I couldn't have done it without you. Finally, to my rats, keep your heads up and remember, cooperate and graduate. It's been a good trip. I'll leave this place with much less sleep and with a lot of headaches, but I'll also leave with some great stories and some of the best friends I could ever ask for.



Matthew T. Wright
Goochland, Virginia



Computer Science

Taiwanese Navy

Dyke: Shu-Chang Liu '07
Rats: Eric Conti, Drew Cloeter

I am appreciative of my education at VMI. I hope I can come back for the reunion.



Lieh-Hao Wu
Kaohsiung, Taiwan

Class of 2010



Nicholas A. Young
Virginia Beach, Virginia

The last four years have been blur, but with very distinct memories. There are things that I remember with vivid clarity, but all the other times of my cadetship have been a fogging memory. Looking back over the past four years, I would have made the same choices, even possibly the bad ones. Those are the ones that truly count. To the classes below me, please take heed. To 2011, please learn from the past and not repeat the errors of history. To 2012, please take heed of your dyke's class and try to live up to their standards. Finally, to the Class of 2013, remember your dyke line, its greatness, and try to live up to its glory. To the three that will remain after 2010 graduates, do not let us down and keep up with the good work. And finally, to all my band company brother rats, to memorialize our favorite master sergeant, "Ohrath, Brother Rats!"



"Grandpa"

Computer Science

Band 4,3,2,1.

Dyke: Robert Allan '07
Rats: Marcus Love



Bryant L. Younblood, Jr.
Youngstown, Ohio

Jeremiah 29:11 "I say this because I know what I am planning for you," says the Lord. I have good plans for you, not plans to hurt you. I will give you hope and a good future.

Sometimes it is impossible to understand why? But keep your faith and with everyday that passes more understanding will come. Thank you for opening my eyes. "27"



"Bryant"

Biology

NCAA Football 4,3,2,1; GC 4,3,2,1

Dyke: Tommy Lloyd '07
Rats: Jayfri Taylor, Weston Reber



Christopher S. Zaryki
Forked River, New Jersey

Life has taken me down a path that most people will never set foot upon. It has made me the person that I am today. In the end, the four years was worth all the struggle, pain, and agony. We came out on top; we made it. "And when we fall we will fall together. No one will catch us so we'll catch ourselves." And where we roam we will roam forever. No one will understand what we meant" –Thomas Kalnoky



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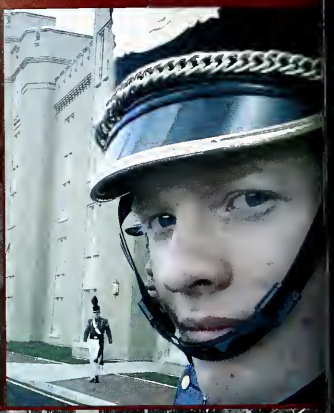
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Class of 2010












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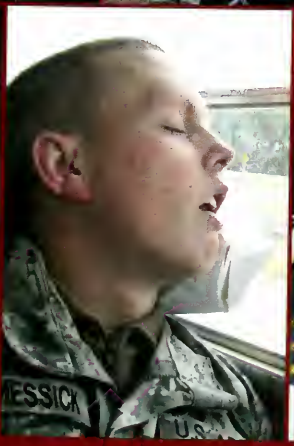






















Commissioning















Graduation







The Class of 2011

Our Brother Rat bond is forever.

The bond was born in August of 2007, when VMI was a place about which we understood little. Immediately, however, the "Mother I" got to know and understand us—VMI tore us down and built us new through a Ratline conducted by our Dykes, the Class of 2008. In January 2008, VMI acknowledged us as Cadets. The Class of 2011 earned its place in barracks and began its long journey. From our class' infancy, our Brother Rat bond held us together through times so difficult, confusing, and trying, they were nearly comical. Third Class year was a struggle to stay out of trouble, keep privileges, and learn all we could under the pressure of a tough learning curve. We survived this time nonetheless, united as a class—the Brother Rat bond provided us with the fortitude we needed to press up a hill of challenges. Now, we excel at the top half of the totem pole. In our Second Class year, VMI is proud to see us not settling with "flying below the radar"; we "soar high" for all the Corps to see, and we accomplish much. We joined the Brotherhood of the Ring. We took on many leadership roles in the Corps and changed VMI for the better. We look ahead to next year, when we will lead the Corps and leave behind the majority of our VMI legacy as First Class Cadets. We are proud to call each other Brother Rats, because it reflects the bond that carried us until now, our Second Class year. It will persist to carry us into our First Class year and onto the many years that follow our tenure here. Our Brother Rat bond is forever. Never let any other men or women challenge the Brother Rat bond as the most unifying force of any group of young men and women in the whole country. Take pride, for you are forever a Brother Rat of the Class of 2011 at the Virginia Military Institute. Let us savor these past years as VMI Cadets, and make the very best of next year. God bless us, Brother Rats, and bless VMI.

-John Manning
2011 Class President



Second Class General Committee

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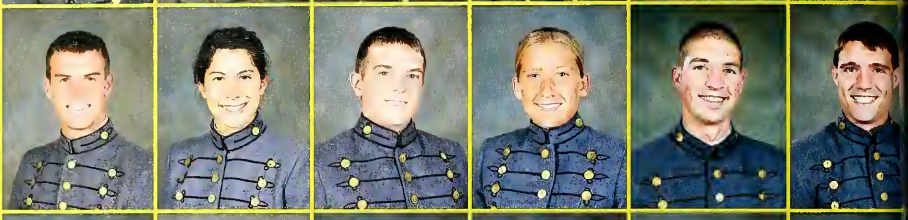
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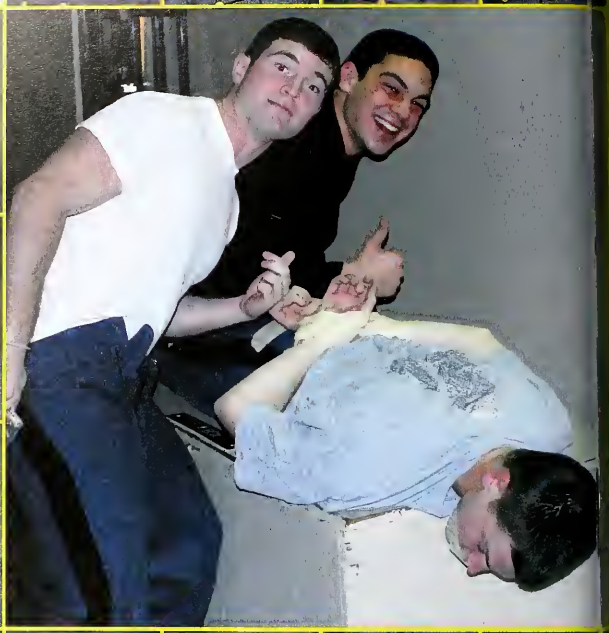
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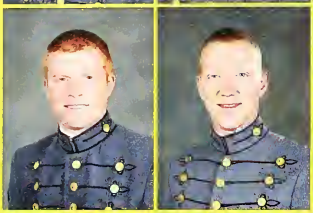


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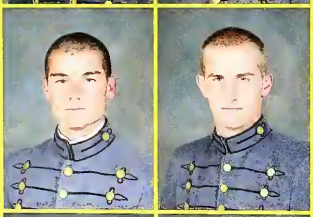




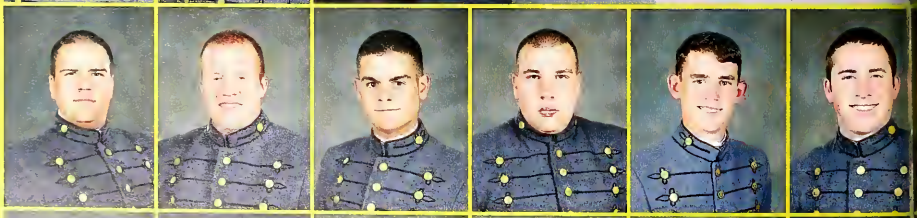
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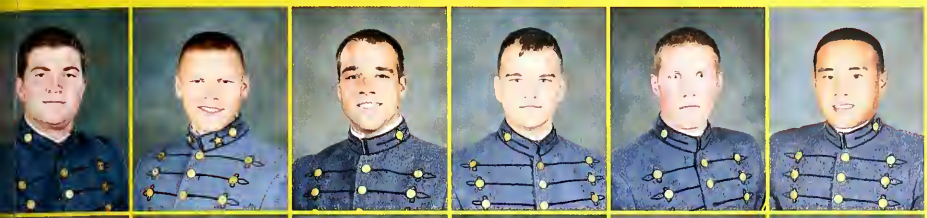


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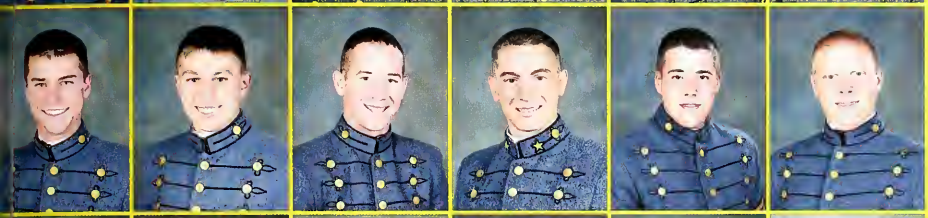


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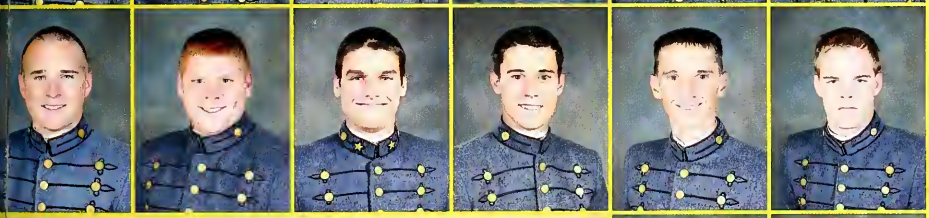
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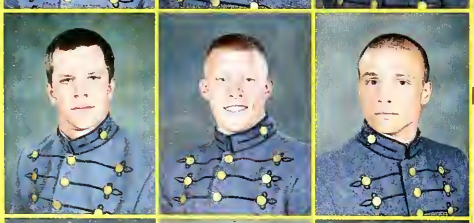


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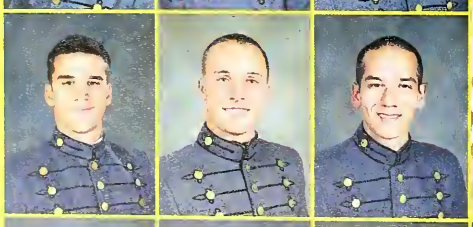




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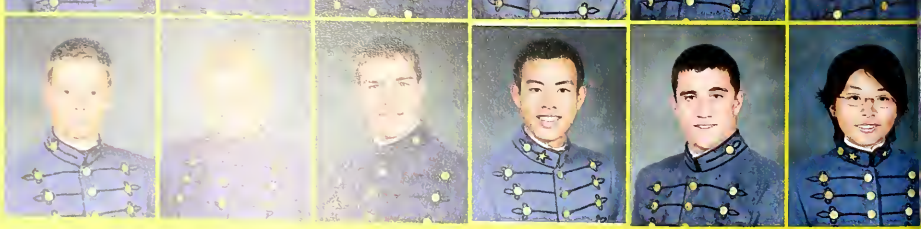
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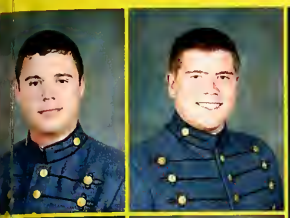


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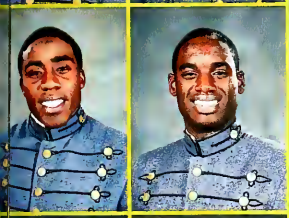


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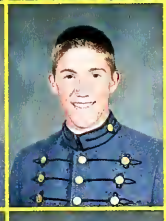






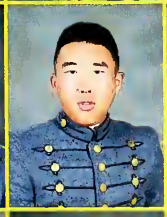


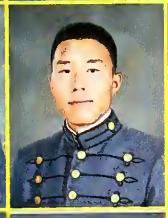




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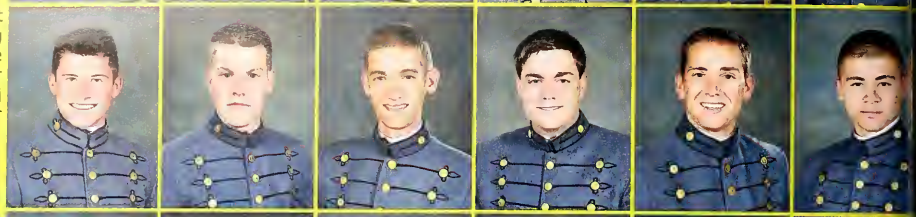


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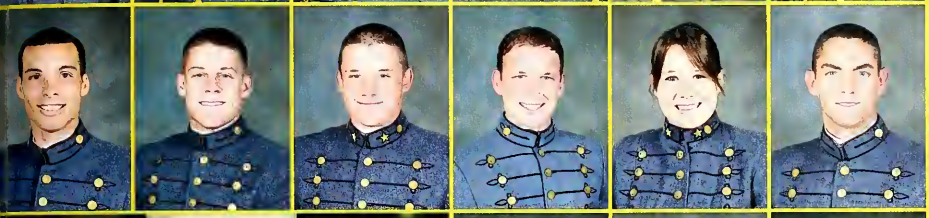
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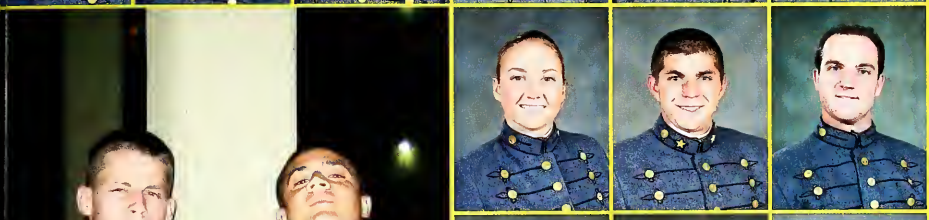




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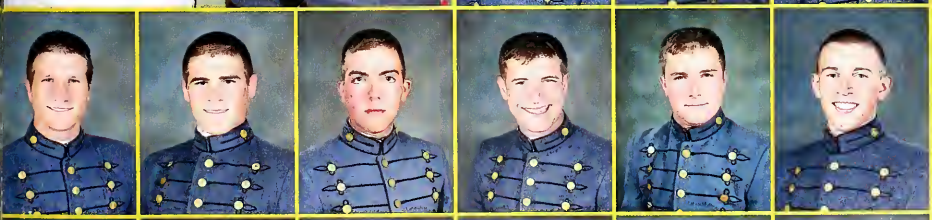
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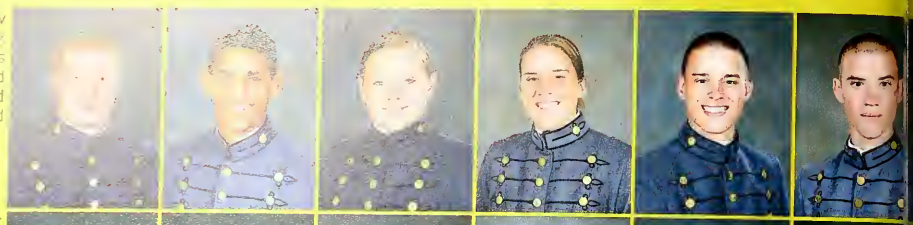


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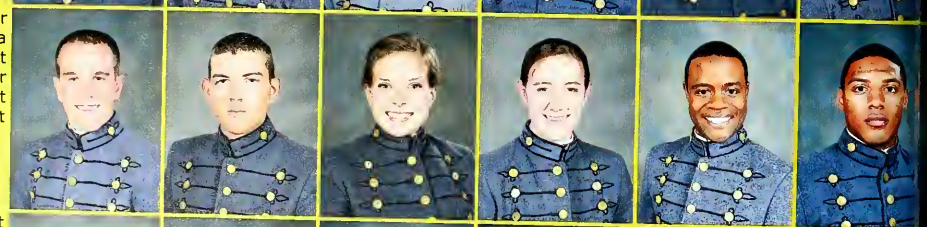
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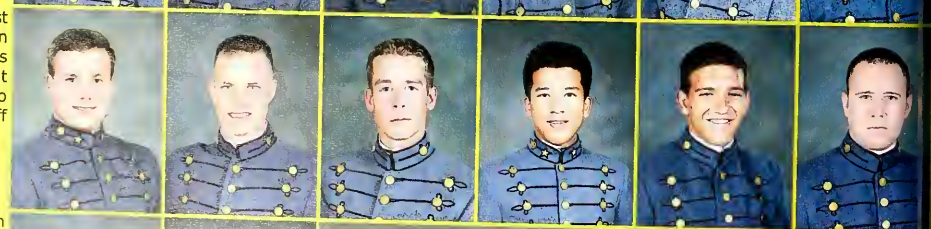
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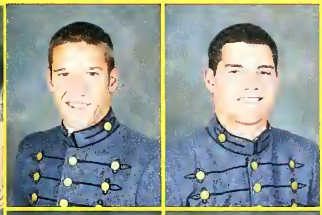


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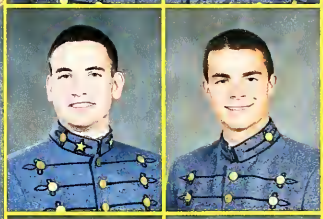




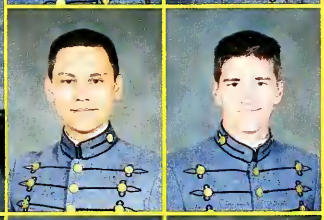




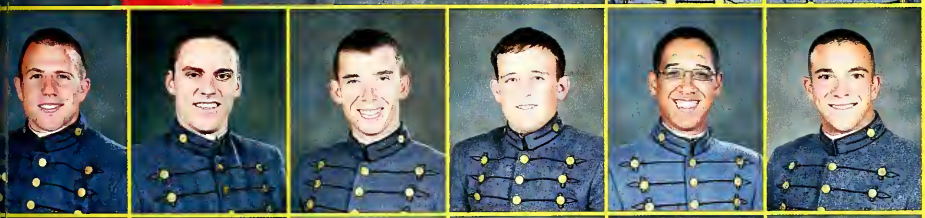
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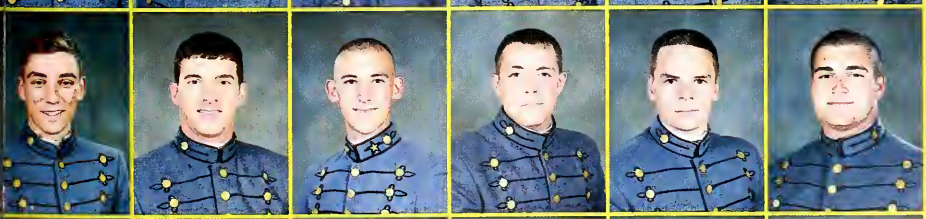
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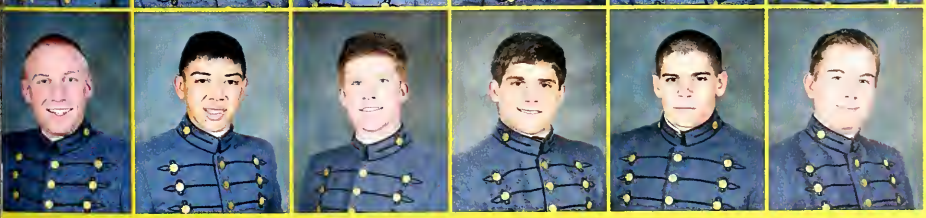
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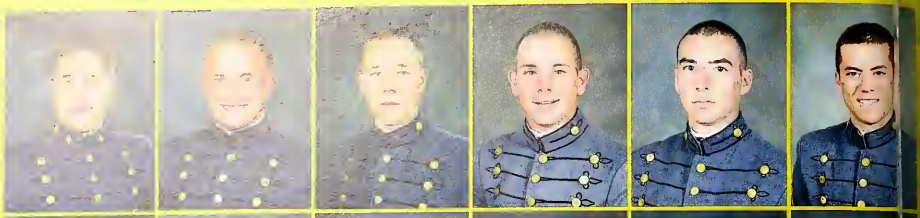


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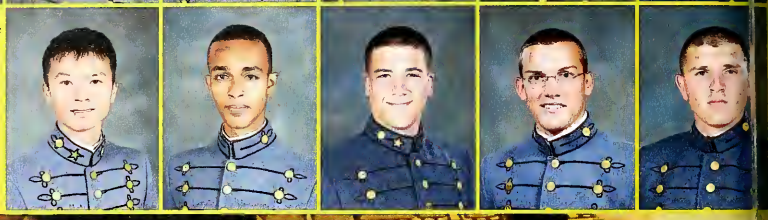
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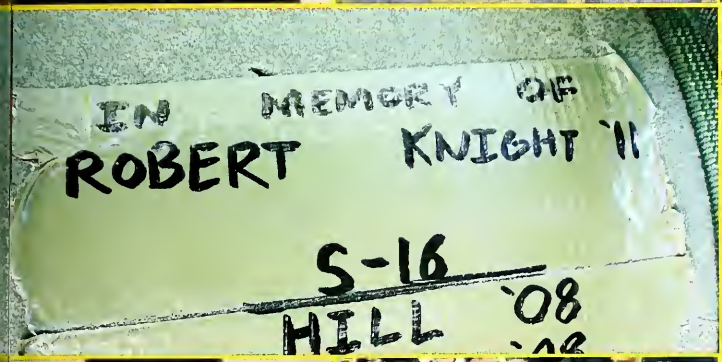








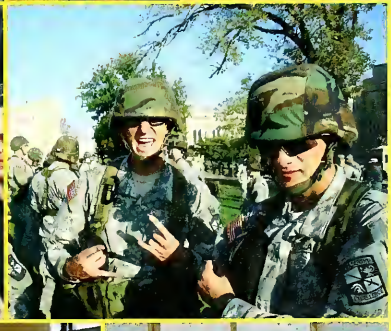




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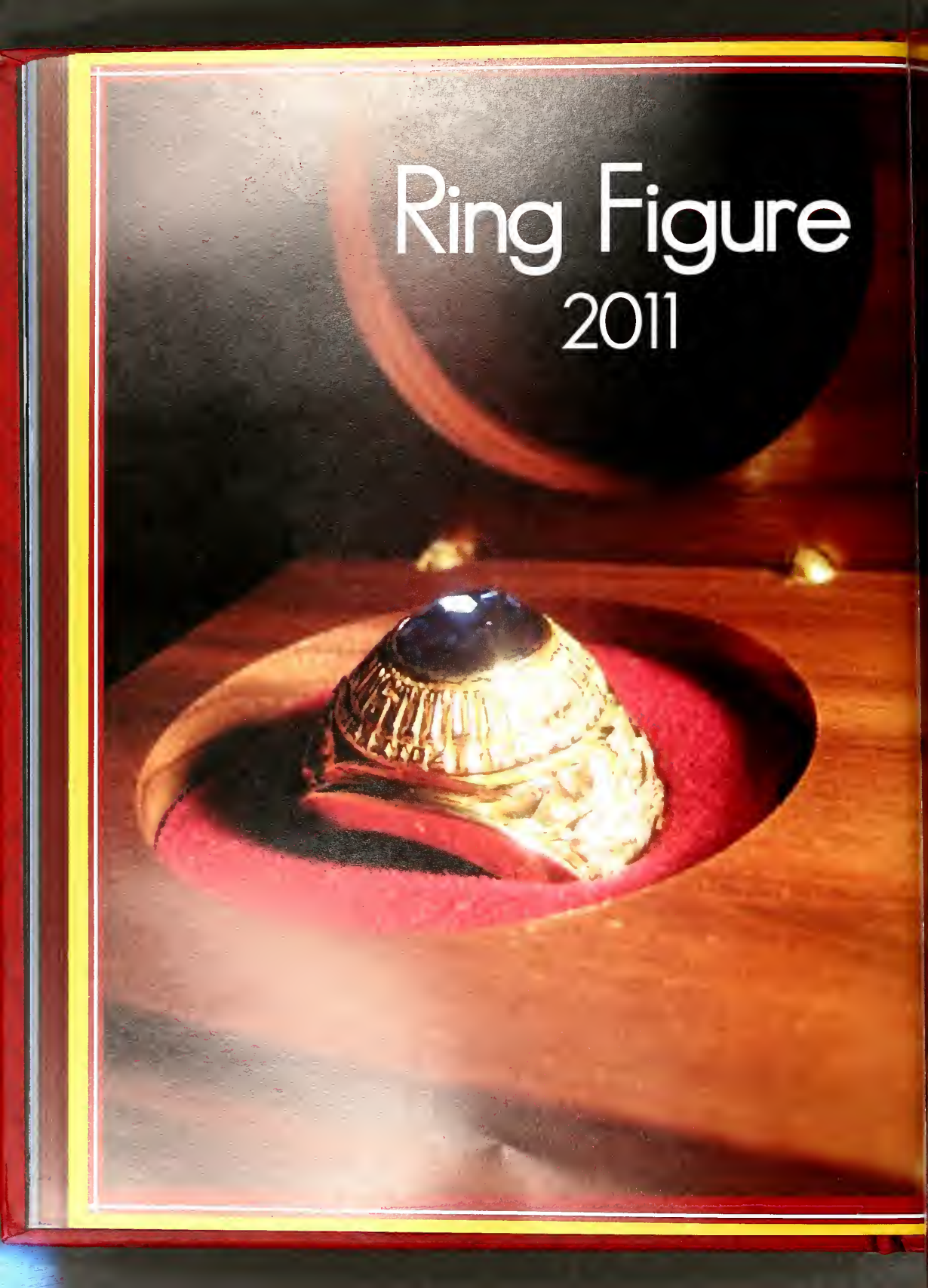






Ring Figure

2011



On November 21st 2009, The Class of 2011 entered The Brotherhood of The Ring. It had been a very long two years for everyone and finally getting our Rings was a feeling that just can't be put into words. Having the privilege of heading the Ring Figure Committee was at first, I felt, a curse, but it ended up being the most rewarding thing I have ever done here at VMI. When I saw everyone walking through the Ring with their dates, I knew that every minute of every hour spent planning was worth seeing those smiles on my Brother Rat's faces. Everyone who put on the Ring of the Class of 2011 carried with them the memories of the last real rat line and the third class year from hell. Now I hope they can add their memories of Ring Figure (if anyone does remember that is) to their collection of stories of their time at VMI. Special thanks to the GC (except Twigg), my partner in crime Michael Frossard, all the gentlemen from the committee for their hard work (except Buck), and Tom Davis for allowing us to have Ring Figure at all.

Brian Blincoe
Ring Figure Chairman 2011











As I poured through pictures of myself and my BRs spending a great weekend together it again reminded me of why we do what we do. It is for unity, brotherhood and perseverance. The Ratline showed us just how far we could push ourselves, and not letting each other down. The thirdline of 09-2 taught us that all that we had here was each other, not the first class, the commandants staff, no one. We did not let each other down in the days we could only use Jackson, when we lost privledges for having our hays thrown or those cold walks to the shower after losing our robes. This year we got our Rings. That large hunk of metal on our fingers that we will now undoubtably wear for the rest of our lives. That ring is a daily reminder of what we have done to earn it. The true weight of that Ring is not the 4.4 penny weight, it is the memory of the blood, sweat, and tears we have and will pour into the Institue. It is the weight of every late night, early morning, and countless hours of PTs (some more than others) that comprise the total and full expirience of the I. Brother Rats, when you read this we will have less than a year left in our tenure here at the I. Let us not lose focus, let us not derail ourselves by getting being distracted from our final goal in this seemingly never ending quest of four years, graduation.

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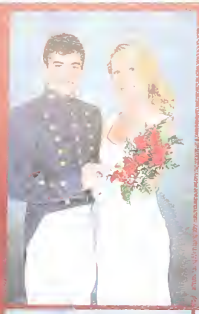
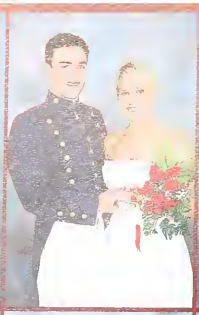
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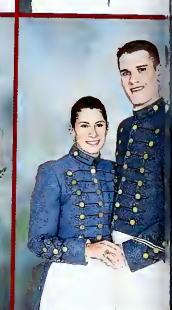




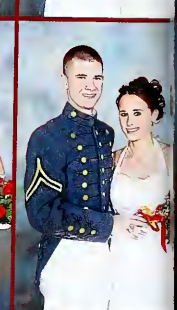




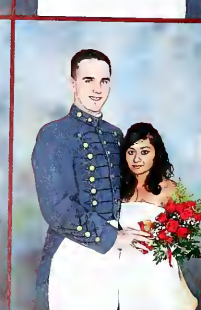











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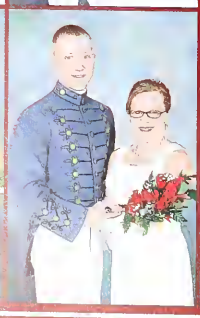
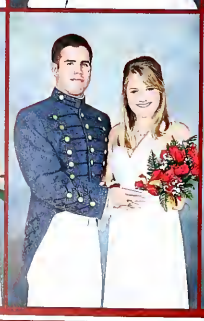













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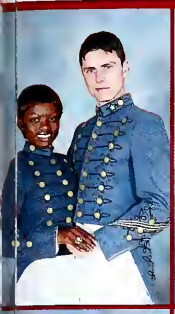
















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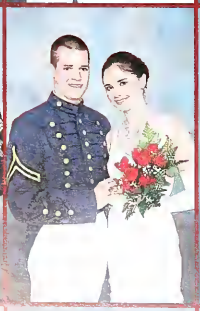






















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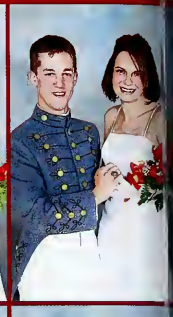
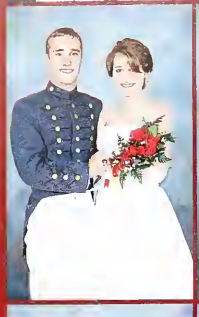
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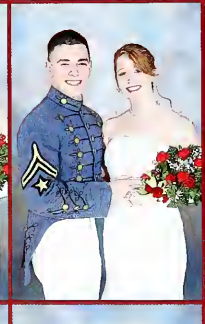




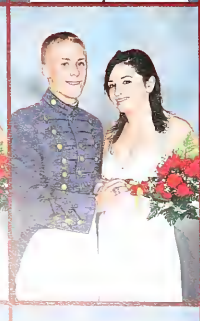







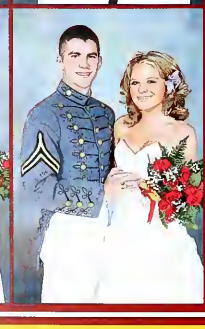














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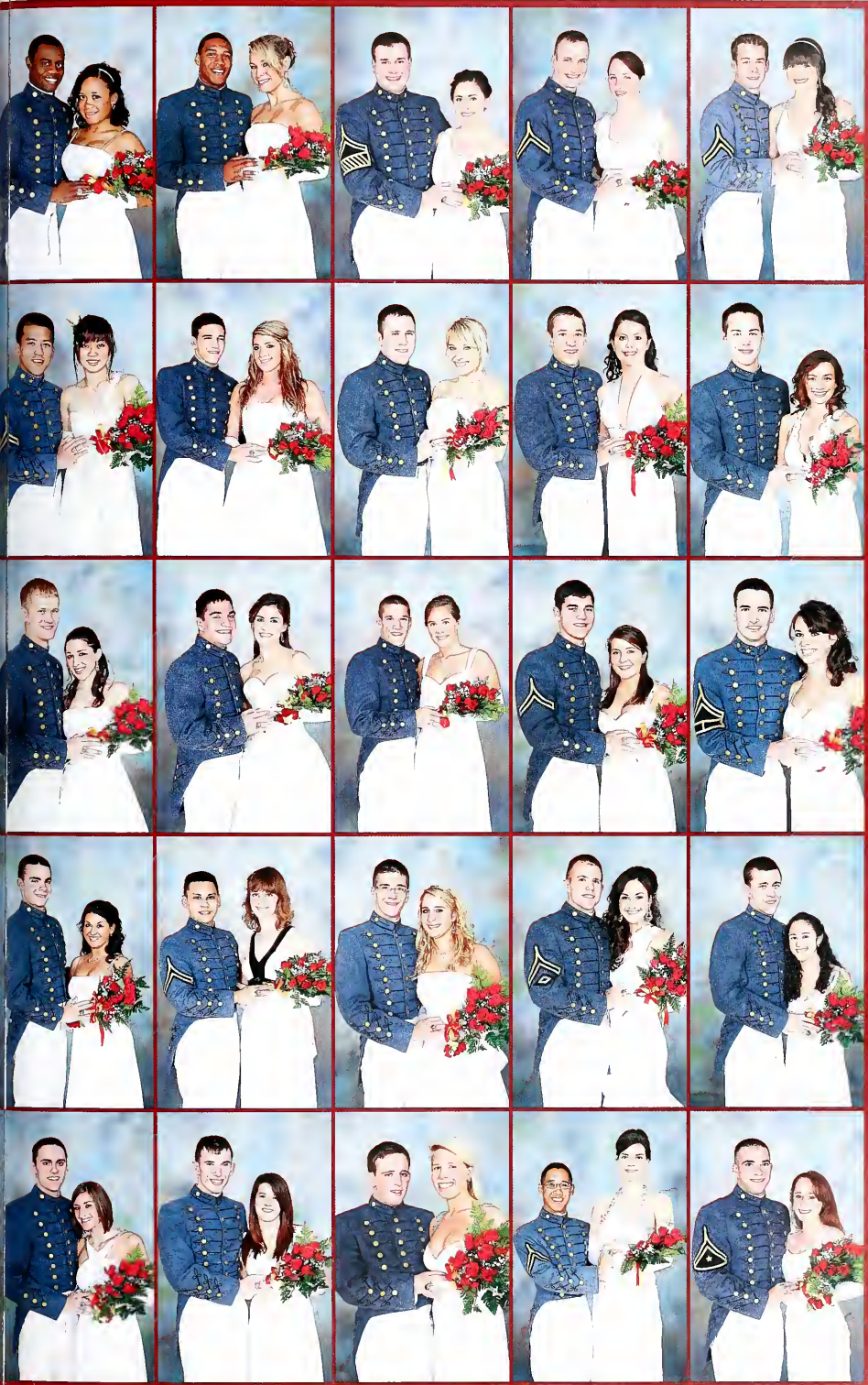
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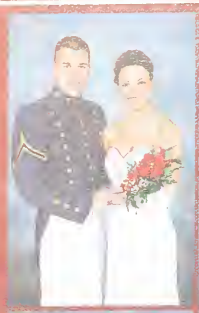
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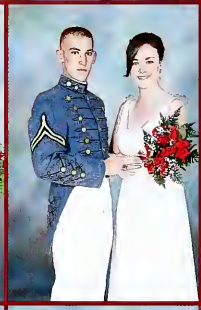
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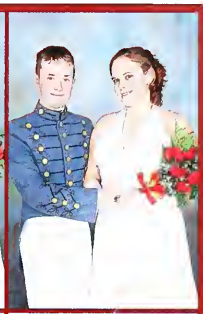












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2011,

When Allun came to me and asked that I write for the Ring Figure section of The Bomb, it was in the midst of Resurrection Week. As most of you can probably guess this is a very busy time for every member of the General Committee and I placed the importance of this introduction very low on my list of priorities. But then, I began to think back on Ring Figure. The planning, the execution, the contracts, the phone calls, the meetings, the all-nighters, the fights, the complaints, the operation orders, the decorations, the measuring, and everything else that goes into planning a party for the Class of 2011. Even with all of these experiences weighing on my memory the one thing I remember most are the Brother Rats with whom I worked and received my ring. So I want to open this with a sincere thank you to all who helped with Ring Figure, without you none of it would have been possible.

Ring Figure really puts things at VMI into perspective, especially the importance of relationships. I cannot tell you how worried or annoyed I was when things did not go according to plan. I still remember when a certain member of the Commandant's Staff knocked over some decorations during our ball and gasps of horror came from our parents in the crowd. I was worried, more worried than I probably should have been.

What I saw next though opened my eyes to something that I had almost forgotten about, the power of family and friends. What we all saw were our BR's rushing away from our Figure to go fix the pipe and drape, as we were all standing there trying to fix the decorations something happened, we were all tapped on the shoulder and when we turned we saw the faces of our mothers. They left their seats and volunteered to fix the decorations without hesitation because they knew how important this event was to us. They said to us, "Go back to your Figure, we have this, it is your night."

Sometimes we forget how much our family members do for us. The importance of family is amplified by VMI and without them most of us could not accomplish what we do on a daily basis. So next time you see your mom give her a hug and say thank you. If you see your dad do the same and every time we see each other on the stoops look at your ring and remember we could not have done it without family and each other. Good luck next year Brother Rats and Rah Virginia Mil, '11, '11, '11.

Good Luck,

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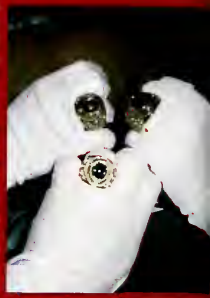
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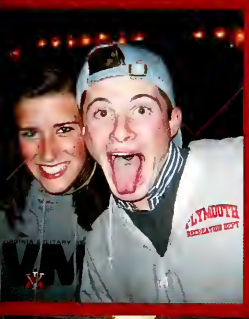























Ring Figure of the Past



One of the most important moments during a cadet's time here at the Institute is Ri
Figure. Second in importance only to Commencement, it is an important milestone
all VMI cadets. Once a Second Classmen is able to wear their class ring, it symb
izes the accomplishments they have made and all the hardships they have enco
tered during the past few years of their cadetship's. However, it may be interest
to know that this long held tradition was not always a part of VMI custom. In fa
Ring Figure as we know it didn't even exists during much of the Institute's early histo







Originally, class rings were not given to cadets until their graduation. These rings were more of a gift and the tradition was not always observed by all classes until many years later. The first class to receive a ring was the Class of 1848. The small, plain ring was designed by the class and simply had the word "Mizpah" in scripted on it, which was an old Hebrew word meaning "The Lord watch between me and thee, when we are absent one from another." The phrase signified brotherhood, and was given to the 24 graduates of that class.



"Mizpah"

The ring became more and more common and was almost always given during the finals celebration before graduation. The first class to receive their rings during their Second Class (Junior) year was the Class of 1908. Even then, most classes still received their rings before graduation until the late 1920's. During that time, VMI Superintendant General John A. Lejeune started the Ring Figure tradition as we know it today when he brought the custom from the Naval Academy (his alma mater) here to VMI, making it an official ceremony during the junior year. The actual "ring figure" refers to the formation of the cadets and their dates forming the class number on the dance floor before they walk through the large ring at the ball, a tradition that is still practiced to this day.



The class rings have changed a lot as well. Whereas the original class rings tended
be smaller and more simple, the current class rings are the largest collegiate rings in
nation, growing in size up to forty-four penny weight (as large as the Super Bowl ri
The original designs typically had one side of the ring dedicated to VMI, while the ot
side was dedicated to the class. The "Institute side" stayed the same every year, w
the "Class side" changed. Both sides were simple and displayed images of VMI
other cadet related icons. Eventually the "Institute side" began to change every y
as well and the "Class side" began depicting different events that took place during
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Although there are many Ring Figure traditions that have slowly disappeared, the tradition of the VMI ring is one that will continue for many years to come. It is said that the ring is always earned; never given, and once a cadet is finally able to wear their new prized possession, they are finally accepted into "The Brotherhood of the Ring".



The Class of 2012

Since entering the VMI way of life on August 23, 2008 we have set a course and have risen to the occasion, proving the strength which our class holds. Our dykes' class, the great Class of '09, showed us how to accept and overcome anything that stood in our way. They also gave us a philosophy to hold close to our hearts, that philosophy being "legacy". Legacy means more than just remembering our dykes and what they did for the Institute. It is something which we reminded ourselves of daily, using what they gave us and turning it into something better. We have accepted this philosophy and now we have begun to pave our road, our own legacy, leaving an impact through the coming years. Returning from summer meant leaving behind our families, loved ones, friends, and the glimpse of a "normal" life. Being back in barracks as third class cadets we finally saw the ratline from a different angle, remembering the hardships we went through no more than 6 months before. The responsibility of training the rat mass of 2010+3 was one which we embraced, building strong character in the rats and ultimately molding the Class of 2013. Within the class we faced high times as well as the low and through it all learned many lessons. Though we did not have a ring or diploma to look forward to we still made the best of what we had, proving to everyone in barracks that the third class was one which embraced professionalism and camaraderie. In a few short months we will hold the title "Second Class Cadets" and will have Ring Figure in sight. The honor of wearing the Ring will finally be felt, knowing we have earned that right. Our endurance will be tested and new challenges will await, but ultimately we will again embrace every bit of it, leaving nothing in our wake. The responsibility of training will resume, molding the Class of 2011's rats to the ways of VMI, as well as instilling leadership in the Thirds. We will continue to bond and grow along the way, making the Class of 2012 revered by the corps. Let us never shy away from what we have learned and also set precedents to the new experiences that await our future. Continue on the road which we have paved, never forget the "legacy" we live by, and remain bonded no matter what. It is an honor to serve as a leader of this class and I am proud to be a part of such a great tradition and a great class, the Class of 2012.

-Daniel J. Fiasconaro
2012 Class President



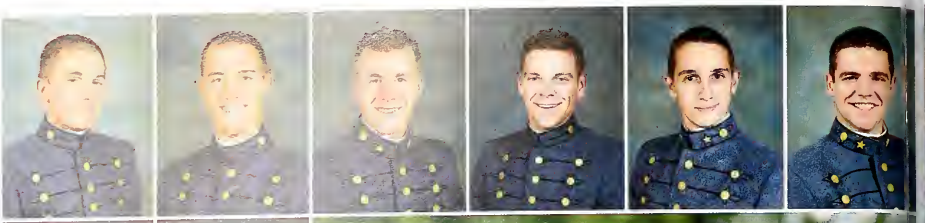
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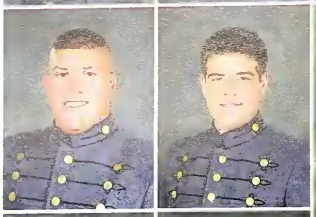
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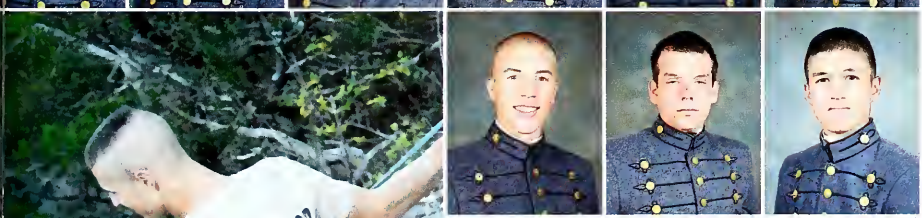
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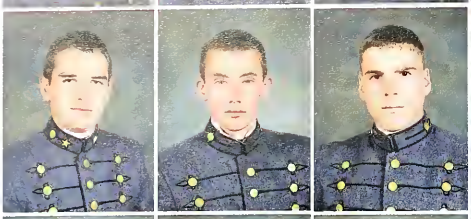


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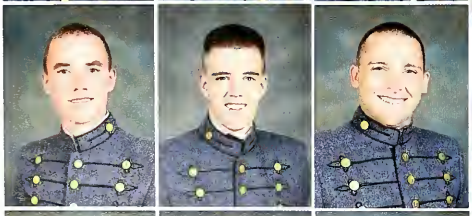




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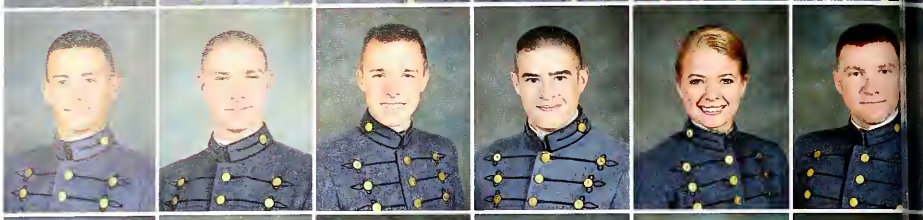
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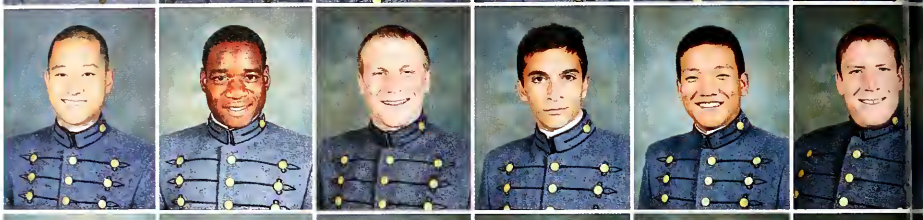
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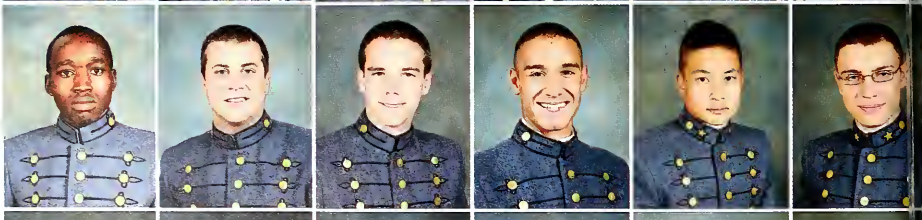
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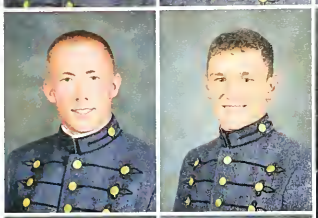
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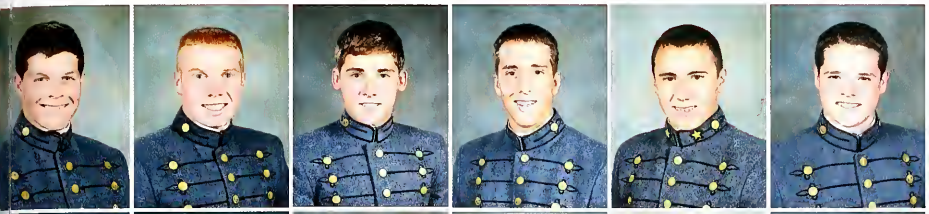


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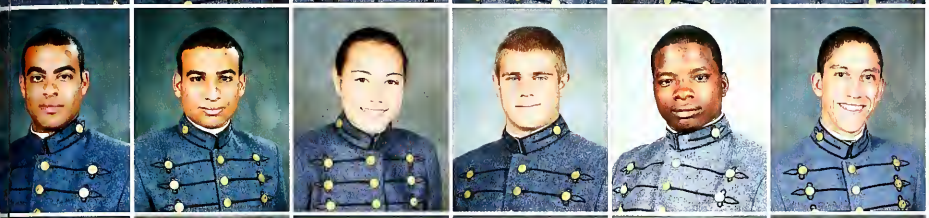


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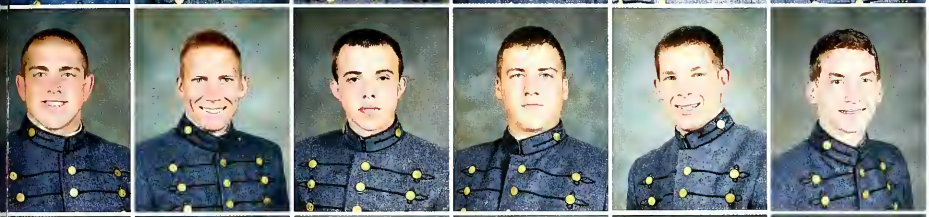




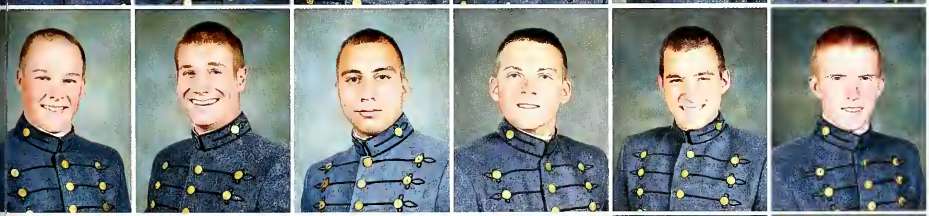
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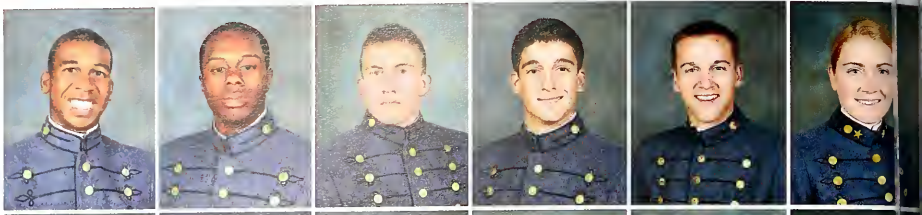
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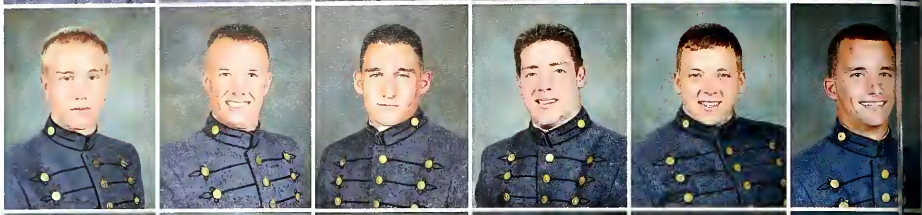
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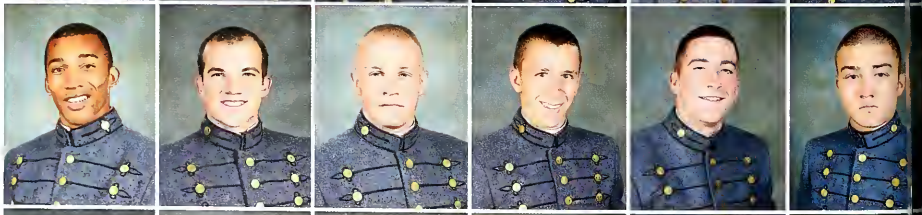
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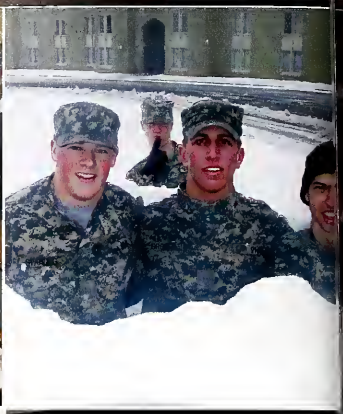




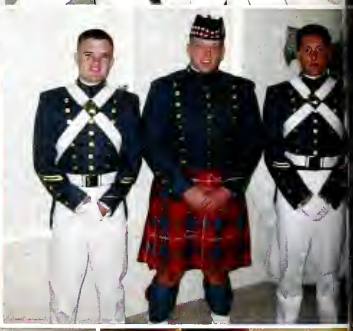


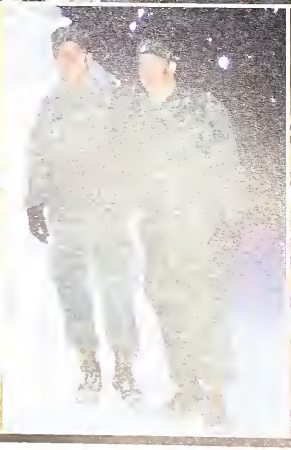





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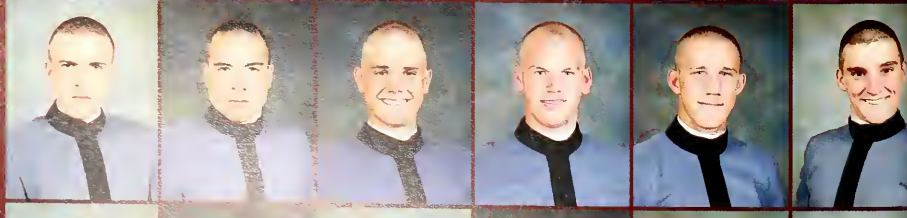
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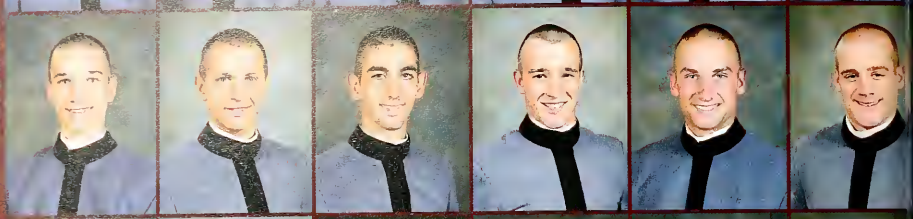


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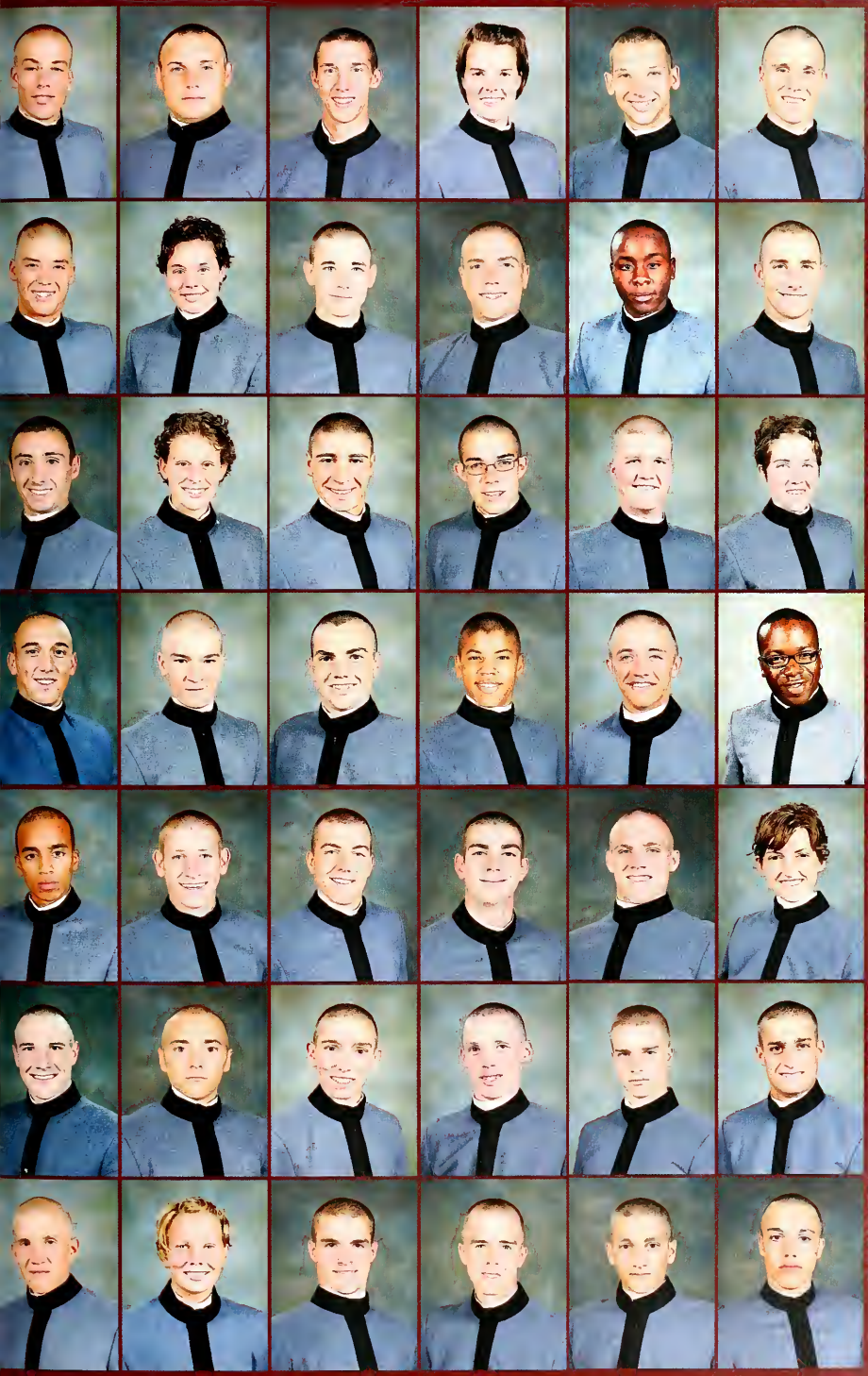


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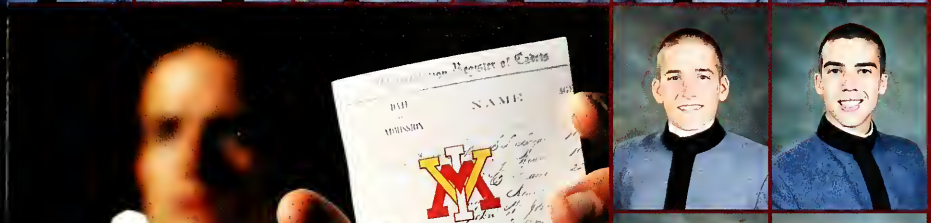




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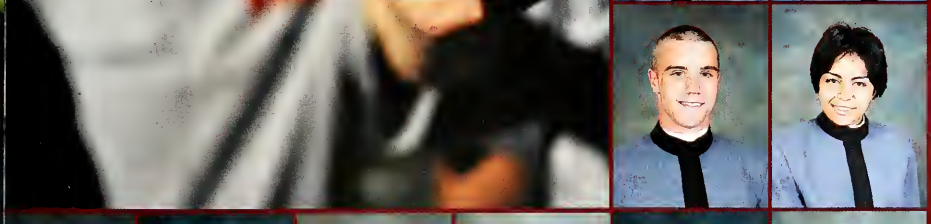
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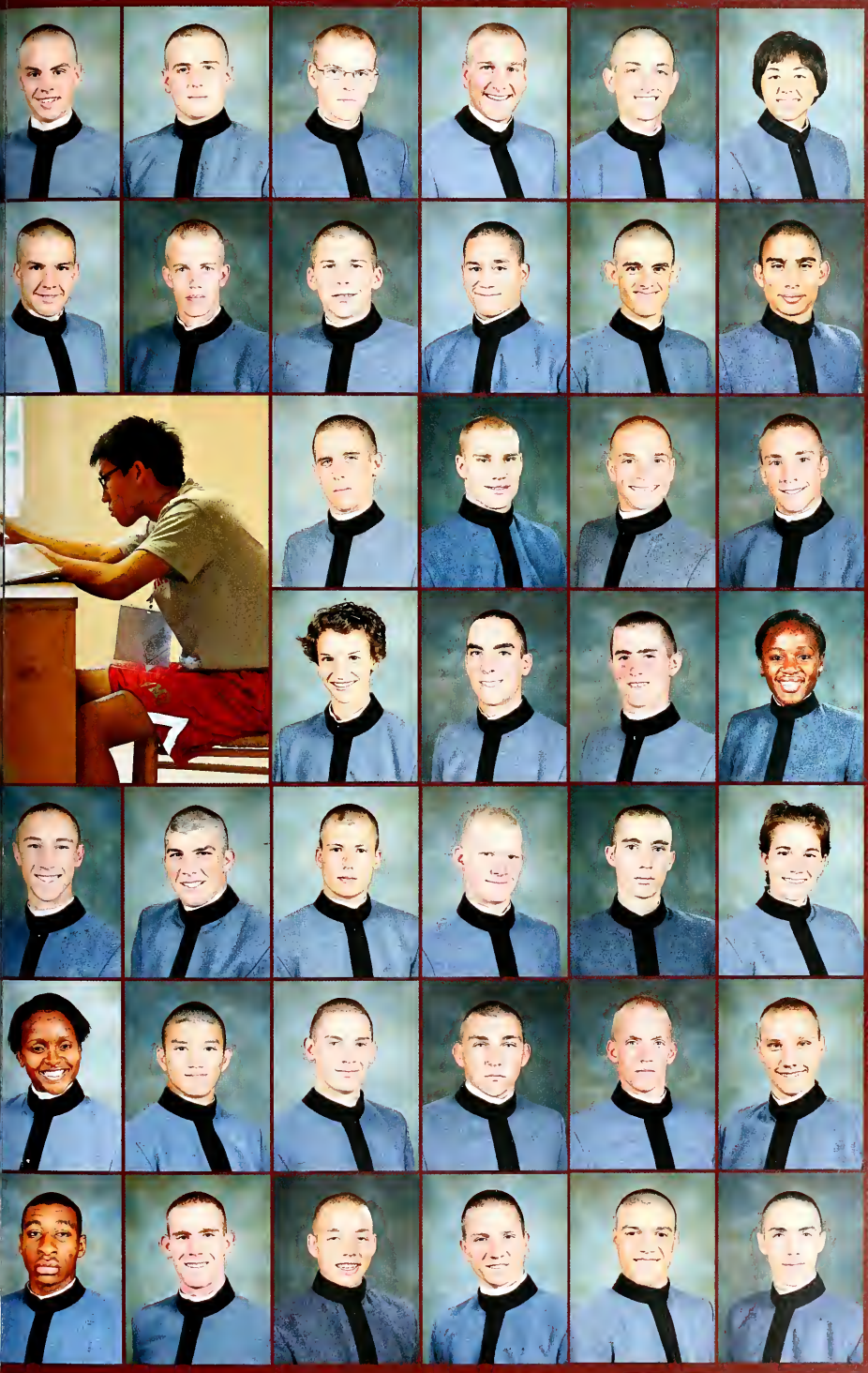
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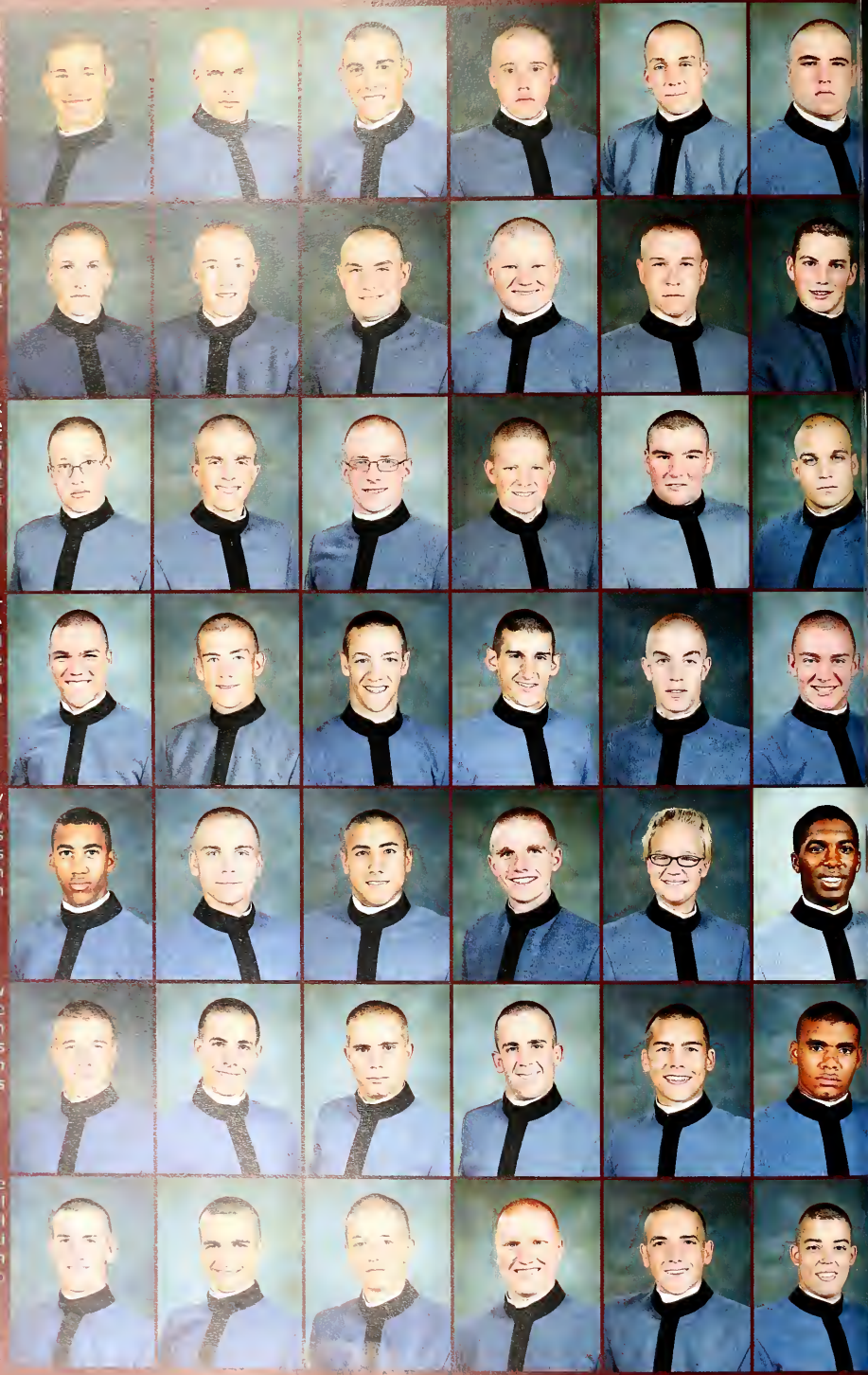
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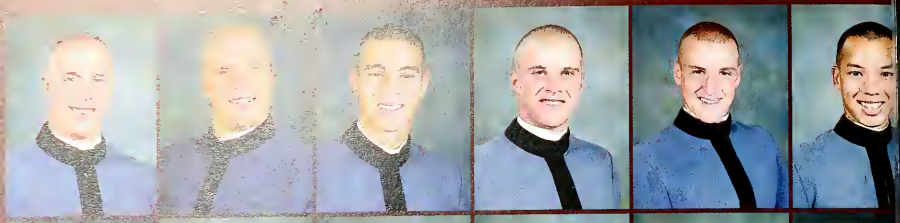


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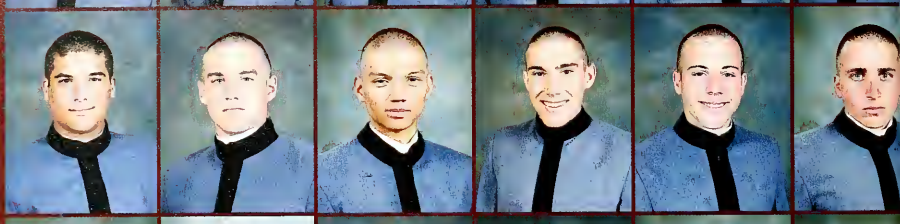
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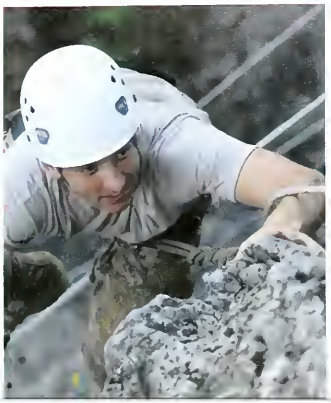




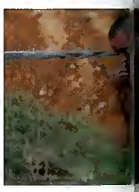





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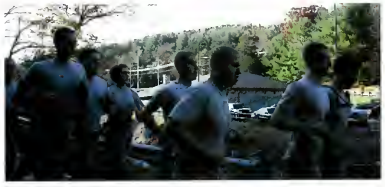



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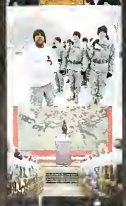



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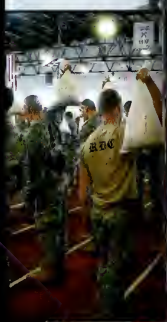


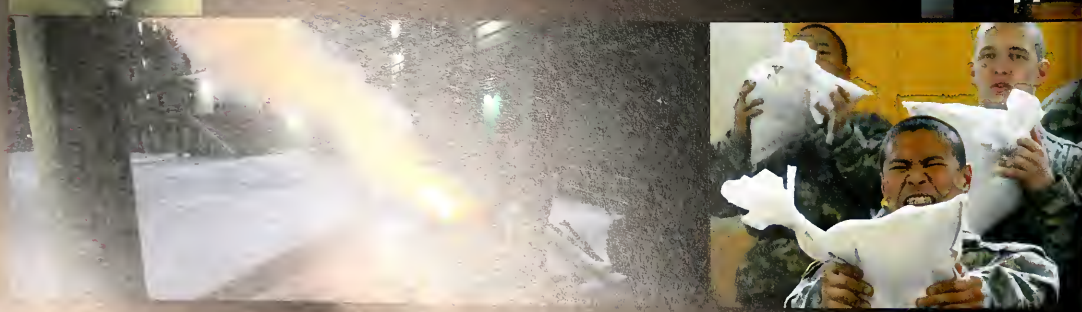










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"The healthful and pleasant abode of a crowd of honorable youths, pressing up the hill of science..."

-COL. J. T. L. Preston





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Air Force

Front Row: Staff Sergeant, Colonel Amato
2nd Row: Staff Sergeant, Captain Crespo, Captain Bolster
Back Row: Captain Diehl, Captain Sparkman, Staff Sergeant, Major Hunsinger



Army

Front Row: Mrs. Reed, Major Martin, Major Sharpe, major loria
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VMI Clubs





Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Front Row: Adam Wood, Mike Long, John Pope, Michelle Feole, Samantha Conde, Booth Hornsby, Woody Skudin, Lou Preysz
Back Row: Brian Harding, Ronnie Ellsworth, Geoff Dinneen, Leah Schubel, Jason Tharpe, Booth Horsnby, Steele Myers



Big Brother Big Sister

Front Row: Casey Ward, Sarah McIntosh, Angie Gomez
Back Row: [illegible] McCown, Tyler Reedy, Damiso Alexander



Big Red Club / Wrecking Crew

Chaz Crowder, Matt Deacon, Ian Black



Bull Dog

Front Row: Patrick Leugers, Nicholas Ingold, Kai Ingram, Adam Aikens, Jynkyn Kitrell, James Hefner, Sam Kang, Brian McDonald, Ricky Lynch, Foster McFather.

Back Row: Alex Herzog, David Messina, Chris Hodges, Brian Harding, Alex Brackmann, Joseph Kang, Chrsi Kenney



Cadet Battery

Front Row: John Russell, Josh Visconti, Shane Perry, DJ Stronko, Alex Mason, Sean Eberle, Kevin Jow
Back Row: Justin Simmons, Jon Fanelli, David Milligram, Bierley Riester, John Maurice



Character Counts

Sean Alexander Elizabeth Dobbins, Mike De Vries, Bruce Leuthold, David Padgett, Andrew Luxhoj



Civil War Roundtable

Shane Perry, Brett Waldrop, Curt Herron, Korey Tighe, Rob Young, Patrick Smith, Trey Covenhaver, Robert Rice



College Democrats

Chad Sussman, Matthew Graham, Elizabeth Dobbins, David Padgett, Briana Hogan



Emergency Response Team

Front Row: Matt Talbott, Robert Earle, James Reavis

Back Row: Frank Tontolla, Logan Barnhill, Alex Symons, Matt Lowe, Tom Redmond, Curtis Register, Peter Kwapisz, Shawn Riley



Engineering Society

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English Society

Chiesopher Gyamfuaa, Cody Young, Alexander Mason, Reid Stelly, Josh Visconti, Thomas Blevins



Firefighters

(Not Pictured) Stephan Bohanan, Zach Henke



Fishing

Front Row: Kyle Drumheller, Ross Harris, Will Klick, Roy Hunter
Middle Row: Richard Crozier, Jason Morgan, Roland Richardson
Back Row: Colonel Dewald, Benjamin Denton, Dane Addison, Robert Anthes



Lexington Rescue

Joseph Cicero, Jonathan Fanelli, Nick Potter



Glee Club

Front Row: Colonel Brodie, Sarah Hoover, Angel Arenas, Rachel Halnon, Dominik Wermus Second Row: Sarah Whitten, Samantha Jones, Sarah Halnon, Samantha Amenn, Aquisi Harris, Umi Hyon Third Row: Patrick Sasai, Szu-Ning Chang, Ashley Gernhardt, Matt Dickinson, Kevin Kyle Fourth Row: Marie Mallet, Billy Bacci, Eden Wood, Kyle Foster Fifth Row: Xavier Scott, Phil Hampton, Nick Sadowski, Eddie Priesser



Men in Grey

Front Row: Andrew Wong, Caleb Dixon, James Lockett, Jared Starin, Josh Dixon, Josh Hartnett
Back Row: Paul Lingamfelter, Kevin Kyle, John Manning, Matt Biebel, Barker Squire, Curtis Herron, David Perry



Philosophy

James Harkrader, Denver Reese



Pipe and Drum

Sarah Halnon, Rachel Halnon, Casey McElwee, Russell Ray, Anson Bryant, Alex Crow, Carl Biggs, Daniel Emory, Josh Blevins, Adam Weldon, Colin Jackson, Al Bowker, Jared Lawson, Andy Jeter, Jamie Bost



Prelaw Society

Jason Morgan, John Ferro, Stephen Davis, Desiree Liang, Reid Stelly, Elizabeth Dobbins, Robert McMullen



Ranger Challenge

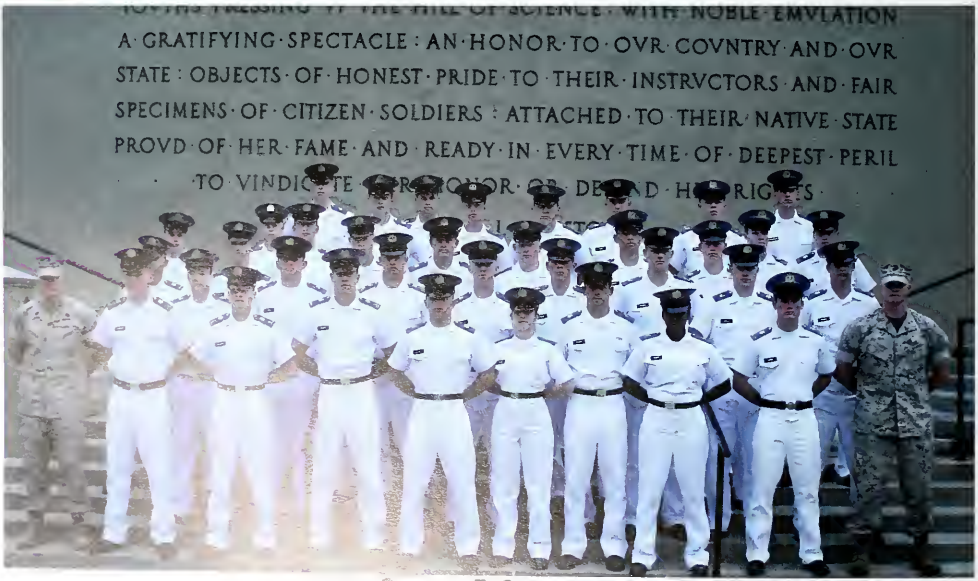
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Back Row: MSG Bean, LT Kimsey, Wes Whitcomb, Rob Young, Adam Bediu, Jerry Hickey, Alex Adkins, Isaac Cryder, Trent Gordon, Chris Buck, MSG Rost.



Recycling

Shu-Hui He , Eddie Ahmed, Lizanne Carlos, Alex Houser, Major Ackerman



Semper Fi Society

First Row

Second Row

Third Row

Fourth Row

Justin Klein, Briana Hogan, Sean Rogers, Anniemarie Ngotho, Christopher Curtis, Captain Keene

Patrick Leugers, Paul Wojick, Theodore Linville, Stephen Bohonan.

Tim Quinn, Marcus Sutter, Brian Harding

Mike Lewis, Alexander Brackman, Joshua Bookwalter.

Brandon Griffith.



Spanish

Kelly Vickery, Mitch Messick, Gerald Popko, Robert McMullen



Special Actions Detatchment

Front Row: Tom Redmund, William Laub, Nelson Page, Jarrod Hendee, Jon Vasquez, Michael Jones

Back Row: MAJ Pegg, Brock Olson, AJ Black, Patrick Simon, Joshua Geher, Adam Green, Blake Bryont, Lane Pratt, Case Thompson, TJ Bond



VMI Theater

Dana Hlavarty, Jeremy O'Brien, Shayn Tierney, Emily Neumann, Anson Bryant, Jared Lawson



Virginia Historical Society

Glenn Copenhaver, Brandon Jones, Jason Morgan, Ross Hussmann, Thomas McDavid, Ryan Nienstedt



Voice of the Voiceless
Kyle Nweeia

Club Outtakes









Clubs Not Pictured:

Army Aviation Association
Arnold Air Society
Baptist Student Union
Beta Beta Beta
Cadet Investment Group
College Republicans
Delta Phi Alpha
Eta Kappa Nu
Gamma Sigma Epsilon
International Club
IPhone Applications Club
Newman Club
Omicron Delta Epsilon
Omicron Delta Kappa
Phi Alpha Theta
Phi Sigma Iota
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Sigma Beta Delta
Sigma Delta Pi
Sigma Phi Sigma
Sigma Tau Delta
Tau Beta Pi
Timber Framers
Timmons Gentry Music Society
Trident Society
Yell Leaders
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Club Sports



Basketball

Back Row: Tom Schirra, Dennis O'Reilly, Stefan Stark, Andrew Compton
Third Row: Keith O'Donnell, Chris Milligan, Greg Gibbons, Ben Smith
Second Row: Heng-You Yen, Ching Chen, Jake Hentges, Christian Guaglianone
Front Row: Rhyne Seward



Flag Football

Shawn Wongkachungkitti, Kyle Valente, Daniel Frederick,
Ross Hussmann, Erik Blum



Golf

Ethan Price, Richard Steinhoff, Matt Deacon



Grappling

Front Row: Nic Williams, Jared Varney, AJ Pancbasnco
Second Row: Dan Mocrder, Daniel Rogerson, Zack Harnett
ack Row: Nick Engle, Stephen Hodges, Aaron Weiland, Nathaniel Zand



Hockey

Drew Horgan, Eric Wittig, Matt Parmer, Dave Arthur, Robert Hale, Ale
Erber, Drew Luxhoj, Hunter Wood, Joseph Hoerst, Alex Cowdry,
Tommy Fields, Chris Mendillo



Marathon

Front Row: Alex Scaperotto, Kittisak Siripollawat, Andrew Tunnell, Craig Waldman, Hung Li, Kara Noble
Back Row: Brandon Griffith, Robert Straskulic, Nick McFarland, Geophery Mills, Eric Tyson, Lansing Wilson



Powerlifting

Back Row: Nathan Iseman, Mr. Mercelis, Patrick Sweeney, Kelson Hur
Middle Row: James Rivas, Colin Antonucci, Benjamin Ashooh
Front Row: Sharif Gray, Michael Strobo



Rugby



Back Row: Chrissy Beach, Samantha Amenn, Ms. Sasha, Keslie Carrion, Kat Hindley
Fourth Row: Sarah Hunziker, Christina Gontarski, Alexi Staton, Cierra Reaves, Ateala Tuff
Third Row: Jesse Rende, Raquel Sanchez
Second Row: Samantha Price, Laura Winn, Claire Kingsley, Audrey Falconi
Front Row: Coach Lake



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Soccer

Front Row:Andrew Smith, Jonathan Booth, Boris Goli, Andy Kriz, Ryan Ell
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Trap & Skeet

Sloan Burns, Jarrod Girod, Daniel Vaden, Justin Dwight, Nicholas Bates, Bruce Hazelgrove, Jonathan Fanelli

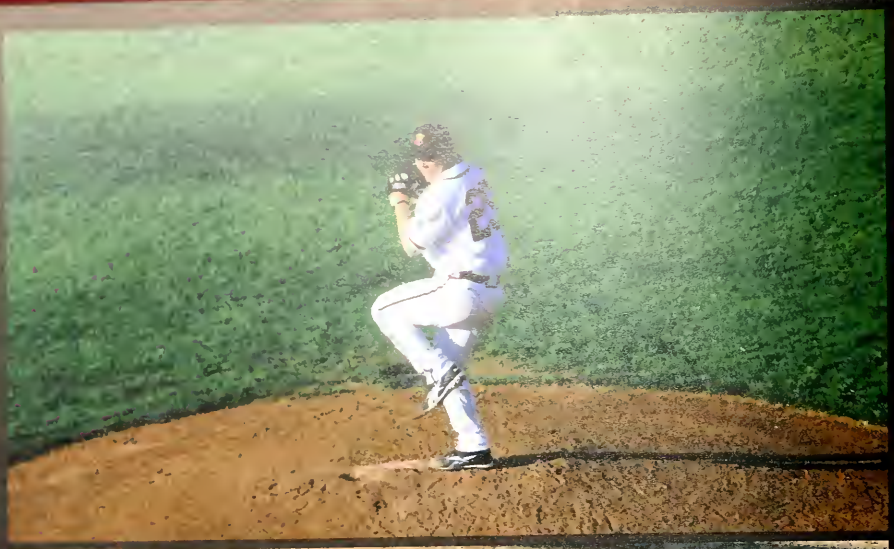


Triathlon

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Second Row: Jack Boswell, Nate Anglin, James Stevenson, Travis Uminski, Paul Moosman
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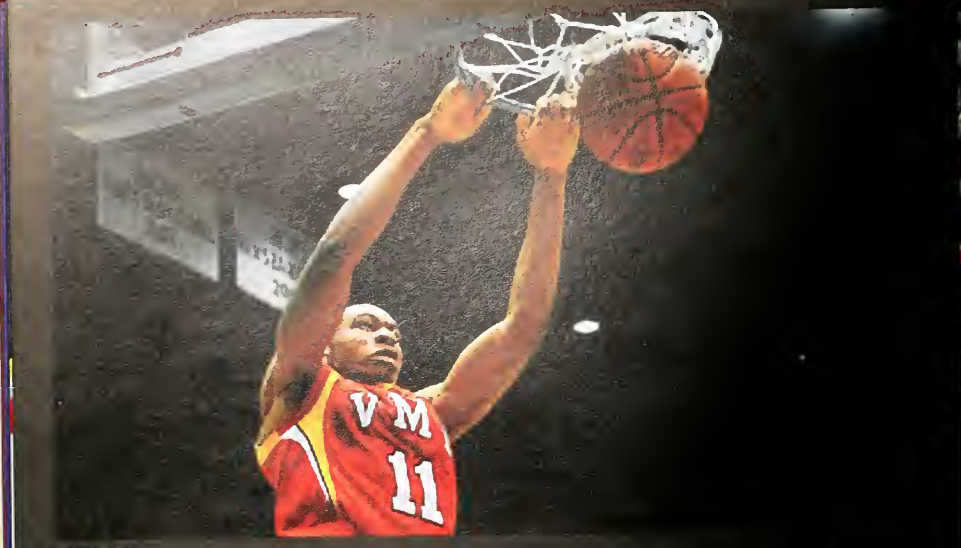








BASEBALL









After a whirlwind and record-setting 2008-2009 season which garnered national media attention, the expectations surrounding the Keydet men's basketball team were tremendous for their 2009-2010 campaign. However, impressive play by young freshmen, coupled with ten returning lettermen kept the team level-headed and not intimidated by the hype. Although the team ultimately posted a 10-19 record at the end of the season, it was the exceptional individual performances game in and game out that made the Keydets' season noteworthy. Led by junior sharpshooter Austin Kenon and the well-rounded play of sophomore Keith Gabriel, the team secured a fifth place selection among preseason voting in the Big South Conference. Despite returning only two starters and losing nearly 50 points-per-game production from last season, the Keydets opened their season with a strong win against Army and another victory a few weeks later against conference foes Charleston Southern. A string of honors throughout the season put the '09-'10 squad on the map, as well as demonstrated the youth and skill of the team. Freshman Stan Okoye was a dominating presence in the paint, earning him multiple BSC Freshman of the Week distinctions, and fellow freshman Joe Carr was a constant threat from beyond the arc. Gabriel and fellow sophomore Ron Burks add to the youth of the team, proving an extremely bright future for Keydet basketball. With the graduation of seniors Adam Lonon and Carl Josey, the team loses an assist wizard and an all-purpose threat at both ends of the court. However, the up-and-coming talent on the team is especially promising; plus, nominations of Kenon and Okoye to the postseason All-Big South Conference squads following the '09-'10 season means yet another exciting year expected from VMI basketball in 2010-2011.



BASKETBALL









Legendary distance runner Steve Prefontaine once said "a lot of people run a race to see who's fastest; I run to see who has the most guts." Throughout their 2009 season, the men's and women's cross country teams were both: each team was consistently fast, as well as demonstrated a tremendous amount of guts and heart. Under the strong leadership of head coach Paul Spangler and a combination of talented upperclassmen and freshmen, the men and women were a force to be reckoned with in the Big South Conference throughout the entirety of their season. The Keydet men, ranked third in Big South preseason polls, began the season looking to build on a third-place finish at the 2008 Big South Championships. Returning from that squad were a host of dominant runners, including All-Conference junior Ermin Mujezinovic, senior Matt Sagar, and junior Felix Kitur. Adding to the strength of the XC team were new runners as well, such as top recruit Andrey Dimitriev, hailing from Serbia and bringing with him substantial experience as a Russian indoor track champion. Throughout the season, the men flexed their muscles in the Big South Conference, placing first at the annual Big South Preview meet, sixth at the Appalachian State Invitational, and posting very respectable times in other meets during the season. By the time the Big South Championships rolled around, the men's team was poised to make a splash; led by Dmitriev, Kitur, Mujezinovic, and freshman Ian McGinn, the team placed fourth. Just two weeks later, the team posted a 27th place finish out of 35 teams at the NCAA Regional Championships, led once again by Mujezinovic, with help from sophomore Noah Hagos and freshman Chris Wunsch. "Going into the conference championships, we were top two [in the conference]," said Spangler. "We fell a little bit short of that, but overall, we had a pretty solid year," he added. The women's cross country team was by far the talk of the 2009 fall sports season. Tabbed fifth in the Big South preseason polls, the Keydet women capped off a wildly successful season with a second-place finish at the Big South Conference championships, the team's best-ever result at a conference championship meet. Consistently leading the team at each competition was junior Hannah Granger, who posted solid results and broke school records with ease, earning herself a first place finish at the conference championships and nabbing Big South Runner of the Year honors. The Keydet women found success despite the youth of the team, made up of entirely freshmen with the exception of Granger and sophomore Carrie Wortham. However, this means many years of success in the cross country team's future, led by freshmen standouts Jenna Moye, Lindsey Carty, and Leah Schubel. "Historically, we perform better than preseason polls predict," said Spangler; the women's XC team accomplished just that in 2009. The success of the Keydet women in their 2009 season earned Spangler the honor of Big South Women's Cross Country Coach of the Year, and the overall success of both the men's and women's teams equaled a positive year for the XC teams. The great upperclass leadership and abilities from Sagar, Mujezinovic, and Kitur on the men's side and Granger on the women's side thrived in the 2009 season, and the achievements by the teams' freshmen proved there are many more dominant seasons to come.

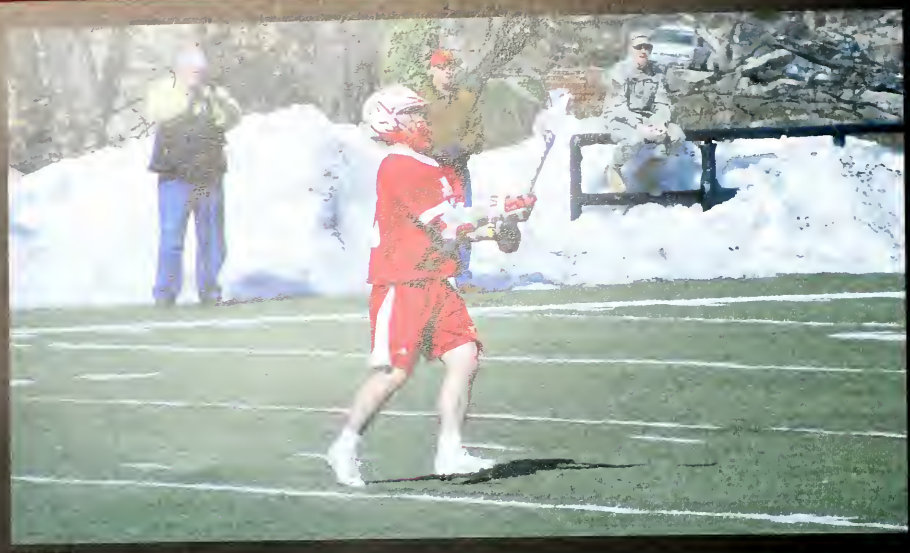
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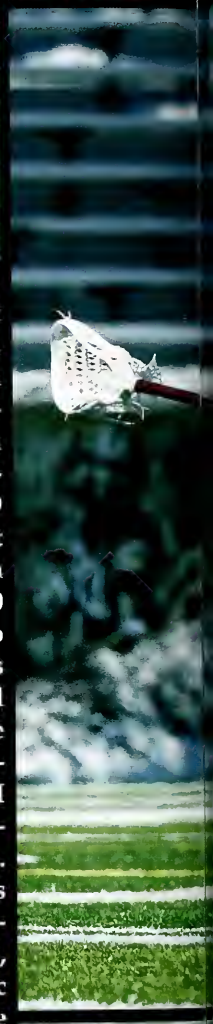


As summer furlough comes to a close for most of the Corps, the football team suits up year in and year out to tackle yet another season at Foster Stadium. Approaching their 2009 season, the team was ranked sixth in preseason polls among their Big South Conference foes. The team eventually finished with an unfortunate 2-9 record; however, commendations throughout the season and following were numerous. Prior to the start of the season, while players were still busy with grueling two-a-day practices and preseason training, the football team garnered attention within the Big South Conference and beyond. Preseason polls tabbed senior Tim Maypray as the 2009 Big South Conference Offensive Player of the Year, joined by redshirt junior George Handler, who was also named to the preseason all-conference offensive squad. Maypray, arguably the most exciting player to ever wear a VMI football uniform, was named preseason all-conference at quarterback and punt returner, but was also a key asset for the Keydets at wide receiver and slotback. Throughout the season, awards poured in for the Keydets, largely Player of the Week honors after exceptional individual performances. Junior linebacker Eric Church, senior quarterback Kyle Hughes, Maypray, senior running back Howard Abegesah, and junior linebacker Emilio Calvin, among others, were all recipients of POTW awards following spirited and extraordinary showings on the gridiron. These honors largely came after well-played games against high-ranking opponents, such as a heartbreaking 38-28 loss to number 1-ranked Richmond and a 22-17 loss at Army, a nationally televised game.Upon completion of the season, the football squad was honored further, earning the BSC Team Sportsmanship Award for the fall sports season. Three players, Handler, Maypray, and sophomore punter Marc Ray, were named to the 2009 Big South Football All-Conference First Team for superb play throughout the season, and Abegesah, Calvin, junior defensive lineman Josh Wine, and junior defensive back Byron Allen were named to the conference's Second Team. With the completion of their 2009 season, Keydet football is looking towards the future. Although they are graduating powerhouses like Maypray and Abegesah, the team has gridiron aces that are willing and able to fill their shoes. And, with a strong incoming recruiting class, drastic offseason changes, and a promising spring ball campaign, the future of Keydet football looks very bright.

FOOTBALL









The VMI lacrosse program is one of the more recent additions to Keydet athletics, having only been in existence for less than a decade. However, the team has arguably developed and improved quicker than any squad on Post. Aggressive play by the squad day in and day out, and equally aggressive recruiting of young talent to carry on the VMI lax legacy make the men of the lacrosse team a force to be reckoned with. Although their games officially do not start until February, the Keydets opened their season in 2009 as they always do: at the annual Lee-Jackson Lacrosse Classic, played against Washington & Lee. When the Keydets walked away from the game with a 15-13 win – only their 3rd win in the 21 year history of the event – the 2010 season showed huge promise and potential. The VMI men worked hard to live up to the hype, both as a team and individually. Led by senior captains Sean McCoy (goalie), Dave Padgett (midfielder), Hayden Cox (attack), and conference standout Tim Moran (midfielder), the lax program entered the 2010 season ready to stare down some of their toughest opponents, including Army, Navy, and #1 ranked Virginia. Although all three ended in VMI losses, notable victories came against Jacksonville and Presbyterian. Individual commendations poured in for the lax team throughout the season. Even before the first faceoff, McCoy was named a candidate for the Lowe's Senior CLASS Award, one of 20 nationwide candidates who possess excellence in the classroom, character, community, and competition. On the field, sophomore midfielder Stephen Robarge earned Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference Defensive Player of the Week honors, redshirt freshman goalie Kelly McMinn earned MAAC Rookie of the Week distinction. On the offensive side of the field, Moran garnered MAAC Offensive Player of the Week honors following a five goal, one assist performance against Virginia and Vermont. In addition to a strong corps of upperclassmen leaders, the younger members of the lax team made huge impacts on the team as well. With 14 freshmen on the 2010 squad, most of whom saw action throughout the season, the future appears to be nothing but positive for VMI lacrosse.

LACROSSE



What could be more fun than being a member of an NCAA team that shoots stuff competitively? The VMI men's and women's rifle teams' consistent success always begs that question. However, the teams are arguably the hardest working on Post, and possibly have the longest season, from early October to early March. The 2009-2010 rifle season was one of achievement, on both the men's and women's side. The Keydets were led by Col. Eric Hutchings, first-year head coach and current Athletic Department Chief of Staff, and the enduring direction of coach Jim Thorp, for whom the '09-'10 season marked his 28th year affiliated with the VMI rifle teams. On the men's side, the exceptional leadership of not only the coaches, but also the cadet captains and upperclassmen led the team to victory on multiple occasions. In their first home match of the season, the Keydet men's squad garnered the top point total against a competitive opponent in Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Led by senior team captain Jason Morgan, the meet's top point scorer, the Keydet men were also led to victory by strong performances by fellow seniors John Krahling, Clayton Melton, and Travis Travis. The men's squad continued to post outstanding scores against their opponents throughout the season, including a notable victory over the Citadel in February. Junior Thomas Graybeal took top honors in the smallbore rifle competition, followed by Melton, who helped the men's team to victory against the Bulldogs. On the female side of the rifle competitions, senior captain Jennifer Cook led the Keydet women to a highly successful season, one which posted the women's first ever victory as a separate NCAA intercollegiate sport. The win came against the University of Sciences in Philadelphia, who the Keydet women edged out 3764-3689; the Keydets were largely led by Cook, freshman Jennifer McCracken, and freshman Kayla Johnson. With the impressive first win under their belts, the women went on to post impressive scores and results throughout the season. The Keydet women finished third behind the men's squads of VMI and the Citadel in February, led once again by Cook and Johnson, as well as senior Sarah Whitten and freshman AnneMarie Ngotho. And with five freshmen out of the eight members of the '09-'10 women's squad, the future looks extremely promising for the rifle team. Throughout a season spanning almost six months – and including very tough opponents – the men's and women's rifle squads were consistent in their success during their '09-'10 campaign. Teams such as Navy, Penn State, and the Citadel posed threats, but the Keydet teams stood their ground, aimed and fired true, and were expert marksmen – and women – in the end.



RIFLE

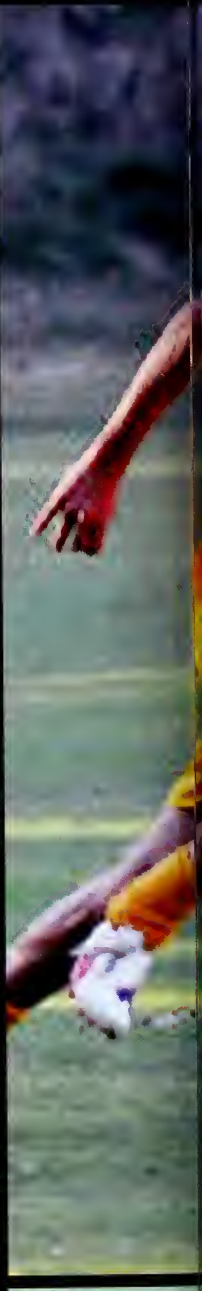








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MEN'S SOCCER



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WOMEN'S SOCCER









Consistently making a splash in Keydet sports is the swim and dive teams. At Clark King Pool from mid-September to late-February, the teams can be found swimming up and down the length of the pool and training their hearts out. The training pays off, as the teams had one of their most successful campaigns in recent history in the 2009-2010 season. The men's teams, led by senior sprinter Will Rowcliffe and sophomore standout James Goodwillie, posted impressive victories throughout the season against tough opponents, such as Pfeiffer University and an overall victory at the Yellow Jacket Invitational at Randolph-Macon University. The Keydets knocked off a collection of schools at the Invitational, including Hood College, Bridgewater College, and host Randolph-Macon. Victories were also earned at the St. Peter's Quad Meet, in which the Keydet men defeated New Jersey Tech and Manhattan College. Leading the team were a host of talented swimmers, many of whom shattered school records throughout the season. Rowcliffe broke the 50 yard freestyle record with a time of 21.01; Goodwillie set the 200 yard backstroke, the 200 yard individual medley, and the 400 yard individual medley records with times of 1:54.87, 1:56.33, and 4:08.75, respectively; and the team of Rowcliffe, senior Justin Ferrell, sophomore Matt Elliot, and freshman Chris Dreikorn set a 200 yard freestyle relay record of 1:26.51. The team's lone diver, sophomore Dallas Disbro, posted a respectable score of 113.25 in the meet against Pfeiffer University. On the women's side of the team, the Keydets were once again led by versatile junior Chelsea Nugent, who spent almost the entirety of the season smashing her own records. With the exception of four, Nugent holds every female swimming record, and improved upon six of those records during the 2009-2010 season. The record-setting female relays in 2009-2010 included such standouts as Nugent, senior Ateala Tuff, sophomore Veronica Lentsch, and freshmen Glendon Robertson, Pin-Fen Chen, and Leigh Fortney. Four out of the possible five relays swam at the NCAA level were record-setting swims for the female Keydets in the 2009-2010 season. VMI's first ever female diver, junior Brianna Allard, continued shining in the 2009-2010 season. Allard bested her own record on the 1-meter board with a score of 169.02 against Davidson College, and set the 3-meter record of 139.60 at the St. Peter's Quad Meet. At the Coastal Collegiate Swimming Association Championships in late February, the men's and women's teams performed superbly to close out their season. An outstanding fourth-place finish by the men and an 11th-place finish for the women proved the long hours in the pool and tapering towards the end of the season paid off. Led by Goodwillie (who became the first-ever Keydet to place in the top three in a CCSA competition) on the men's side and Nugent on the female team, the Keydet swim and dive teams have numerous bright seasons which to look forward. For the second season in a row, the women's team was knocked out of the Big South Tournament in the semifinals. However, with promising young talent and an optimistic, innovative coach, the Keydet women have much to look forward to in coming seasons. Said coach Williams of the 2009 season: "I'm incredibly proud of the group, I didn't see anybody back down, everybody was into it until the bitter end."

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MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD











WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD



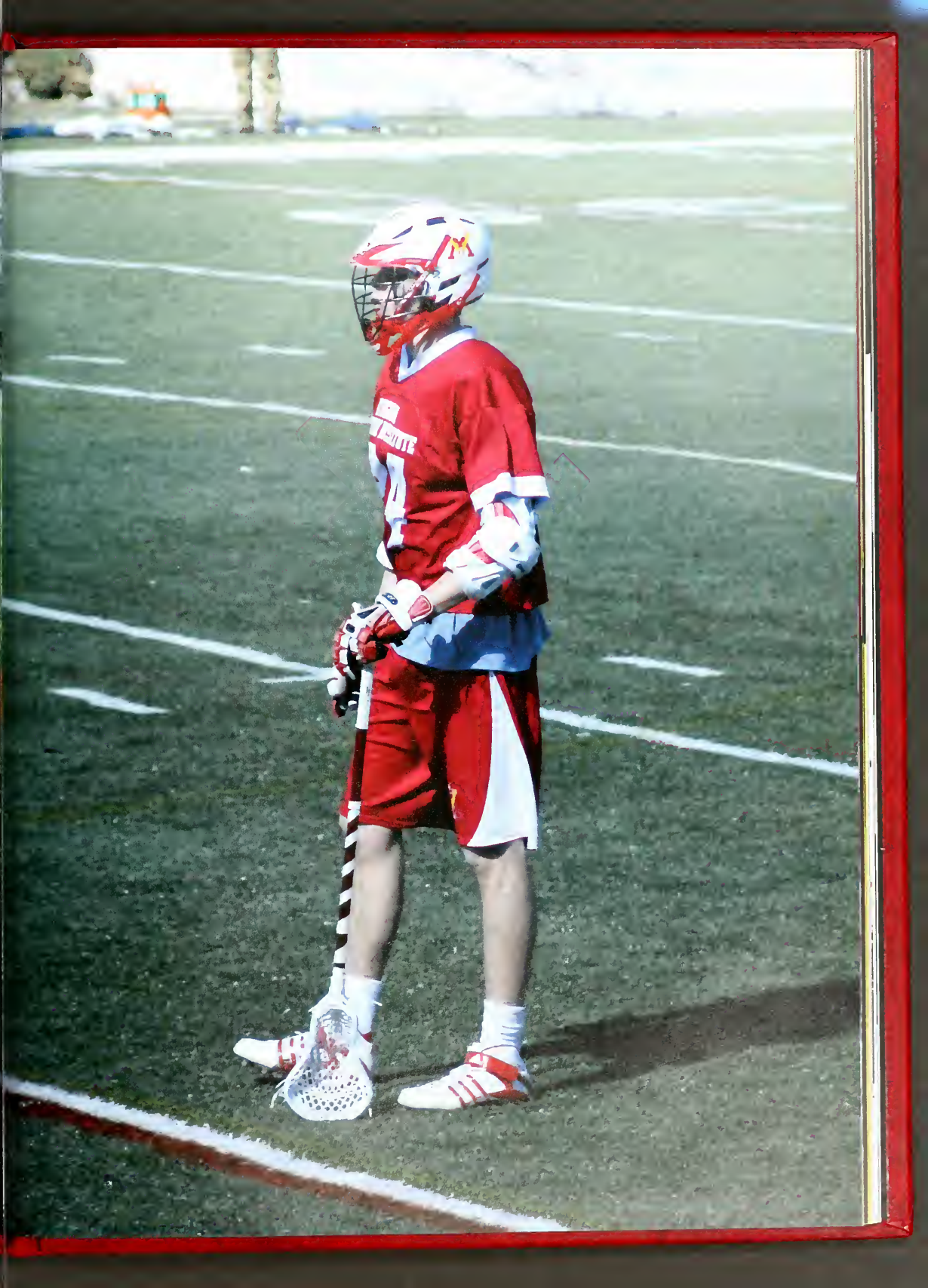
VMI wrestling is hands-down one of the hardest working, most committed teams on Post. Whether in the weight room, in practice, or in The Thunderdome, the members of the team endure grueling training and meets, all while maintaining weight for competitions 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The demanding schedule and commitment pays off for the team in the end; VMI wrestling consistently posts impressive team and individual accomplishments each season, the '09-'10 campaign being no exception. Although the team finished their regular season at 5-9, and 1-4 overall in Southern Conference action, they posted a respectable 4-2 dual meet record at The Thunderdome in the 2009-2010 season. Individual success ultimately made the season notable, as returning standouts such as juniors Ronnie Ellsworth and Josh Wine combined with a strong freshman corps to develop a deep team in each weight class. With the exception of the lightest (125 lbs.) and heaviest (285 lbs.) weight classes, the Keydets had two or more wrestlers in each weight class, developing a strong foundation for the team and for future success. Throughout the season, the Keydets were commended for their outstanding individual performances. Ellsworth was named Southern Conference Wrestler of the Week for December 9-15, and sophomore Andrew Szymborski earned the award for January 6-12. Wine earned the overall Southern Conference Wrestler of the Month for outstanding action during the month of December, in which he was unbeaten. Despite their dual meet record, the Keydet wrestlers shined at tournaments throughout the season. Redshirt junior captain John Pope finished 6th at the Keystone Classic early in the season, while Wine and Ellsworth finished 1st and 4th respectively at the Wilkes Open just a month later. The All-Academy Championships, a staple of VMI's schedule every season, saw eight Keydets finish in the top 5 in their weight classes, led by Pope, sophomore David Yost, and senior Michael Long. As the wrestling season came to a close, the team descended upon the Southern Conference Championships in Davidson, NC, and posted impressive results. Four third-place finishers and three fourth-place finishers marked the end to a successful individual season for the Keydets.



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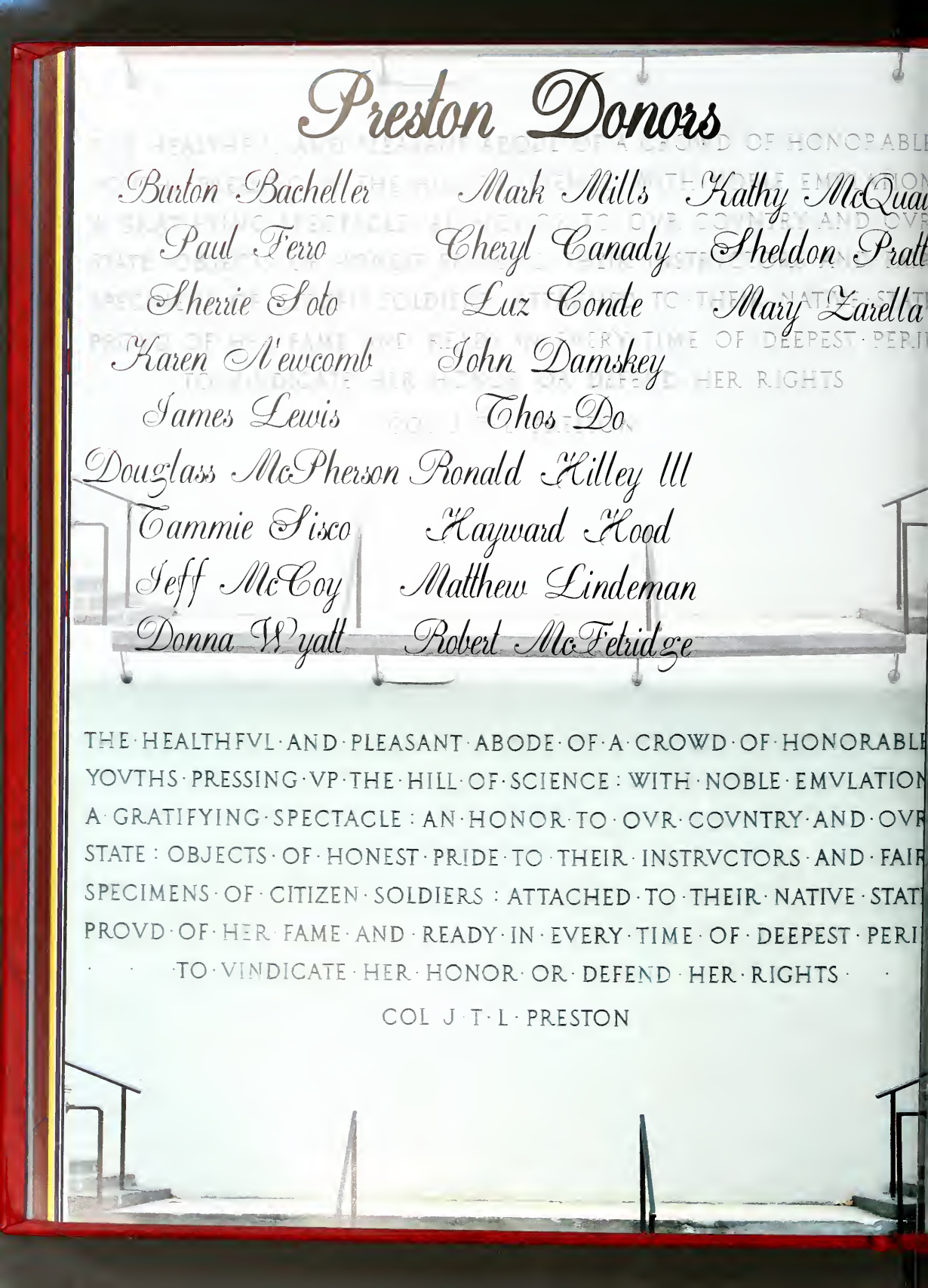
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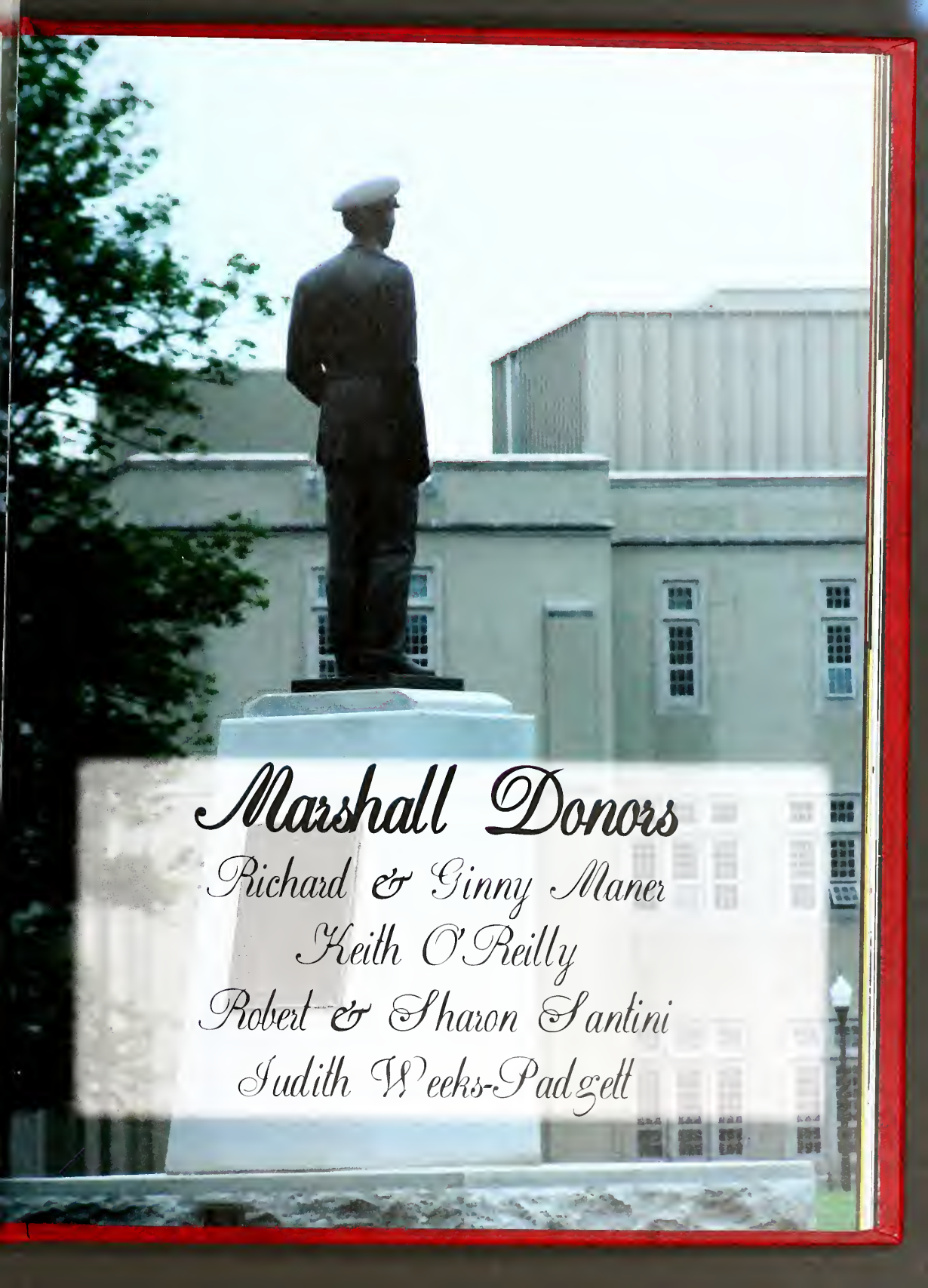




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"You may be whatever you resolve to be."
~Stonewall Jackson

This quote met and impacted you on Matriculation Day and has inspired you along your journey. You chose the Road less Traveled and for that you are a different person; a better person. We are proud of who you were and who you have become! Live your life with the pride and dignity VMI has instilled in you!



WE LOVE YOU!
Mom, Dad, Nicole, Oma, Pops, Susie, and Parker

Jeffrey L. Hafkemeyer





We knew that you were made for the army fro a very early age!! We are so proud of you and d of your accomplishments. Congratulations on yo graduation and commissioning in the United State Army. Success awaits you.
Love,
Mom and Dad





Second Lieutenant Joseph Simmers, USMC

It seems like only yesterday you were playing soldier in the backyard, and here you are ready to make your impact on the world! We were so proud of you as a little boy and are so very proud of the man you have become! No matter where you go or what you do, remember that you will always be our Joey.
Love, Mom, Dad and Maria

FLY NAVY

Ensign Scott Taylor MacDonald, U.S. Navy, VMI '10





Son, you have indeed taken the road less traveled and you have resolved to be all you want to be. Congratulations Scott, you have come so far and accomplished so much. We are very proud of you and love you always
Mom and Dad

"Everything is possible for him who believes."
Mark 9:23

But those who hope in
he Lord will renew their
trength they will soar on
vings like eagles they will
un and not grow weary
hey will walk and not be
faint." Isaiah 40: 31



Congratulations to the Class of 2010





Congratulations Hunter Cantrell



Watching you grow from this beautiful baby to the wonderful young man you have become has been an absolute joy. We love you and hope that you continue to reach your goals no matter how difficult the path.



Before you were born, I wrote in your baby book that we would love you and be proud of you no matter what path you chose in life. I never imagined the path you would take or how easy you would make it to be a proud parent.

Love,
Mom & Dad and your little sis Kaitlin

REID C. SARTORI
CLASS OF 2010





What you resolved to do, You Dic
Congratulations!!

We Love you!
Your Favorite Family

CONGRATULATIONS!
FLETCHER S. THOMPSON – 2010





I do not choose to be a common man, It is my right to be uncommon, if I can.
I seek opportunity – not security.
I do not wish to be a kept citizen, humbled and dulled by having the state look after me.
I want to take the calculated risk; to dream and to build, to fail and to succeed.
I refuse to barter incentive for a dole.
I prefer the challenges of life to the guaranteed existence; the thrill of fulfillment to the stale calm of utopia.
I will not trade freedom for beneficence nor my dignity for a handout.
I will never cower before any master nor bend to any threat.
is my heritage to stand erect, proud and unafraid; to think and act for myself, enjoy the benefits of my creations and to face the world boldly and say,
"This I have done"

-Dean Alfange

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Thanks VMI!



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Congratulations to First Classman

Dylan Cate '10

You did it!
All of your hard work and efforts have paid off!
Your Parents are so very proud of you!
Love, Mom and Dad





Chas,
You did it!
We know there are great things ahead.
We are so proud of you.
All our love,
Dad, Mom, and Katie

Wow... Way to Go Grad!





Now, Lt. Farley... strap in and go fly!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Kat and Mir-the-Husky



Congratulations, Daniel!
-Dad and Mom



Congratulations,



Cadet Carl Knapp
Class of 2010

Cadet Cole Knapp
Class of 2013

We are so proud of your accomplishments!







Cadet Thomas Graybeal

"The most important difference between a good shooter and a great shooter is not skill or talent, but the ability to stay calm and focused in the most stressful environment."
This pretty well sums up your entire VMI experience.

Love you always,
Mom & Dad

Burton P.C. Bacheller III





Congratulations to you and the Class of 201
on Ring Figure. Mona, Pop and all the Family



Stay the course!
28th President Woodrow T. Wilson insightfully discerned:

"The ear of the leader must ring with the voices of the people. You are not here merely to make a living. You are here in order to enable the world to live more amply, with greater vision, with a finer spirit of hope and achievement. You are here to enrich the world, and you impoverish yourself if you forget the errand."

"Congratulations 2009-2010! You have come of Age and Ring!"
We cherish ALL OF YOU, Curtis Clayton Register!
May God illuminate your next steps—Hugs!

M.O.M.
Mema, Larry, Patty, Kevin, Connie, Scott, Marie, Alex, Bill, and Lana



Jet looked up at you and saw a RAT.
But we all knew that you would
make a fine Cadet.

Congratulations Patrick '13





N.C. Wilson,
VMI Class of 1861



T.J. Wilson, III,
VMI Class of 1942



T.J. Wilson, IV,
VMI Class of 1974



John C. Wilson,
VMI Class of 2013

Welcome to the ranks. We are proud of you.
-Dad, Kerri and Madison

"Those who say it can't be done
are usually interrupted by someone
doing it."



Cadet Michael F. Keleher
Class of 2013
Congratulations on Breakout!
With Much Love,
Dad, Tink & Grandma

Congratulations Cadet Sarah Hoove

"The gem cannot be
polished without friction,
nor one perfected
without trials."
Love, Mom & Dad



Congratulations

Cadet David Kellerman

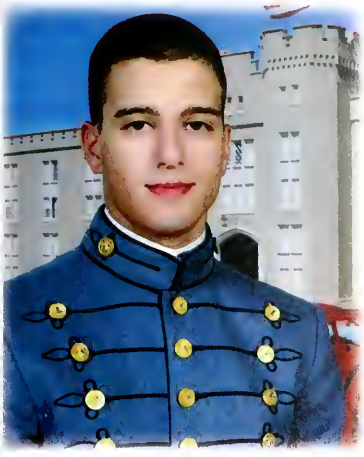
And Fellow BRs - Class of 2013

"Si Vis Pacem, Para Bellum"

("If you want peace, prepare for war")
Flavius Vegetius Renatus - Roman Military strate

c. 390. A.D

Go KEYDETS!



I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I-
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference

Greg,

Robert Frost said it better but the story is yours. You took the harder road four years ago when you chose VMI. Rat year to RDC is never easy but what a journey you have been on. Your accomplishments in life will always have their roots in Lexington. We are so very, very proud of you.

We love you,
Mom, Dad, Danny, Alex, Allison, & Lia

Good Luck with your Army career!
Lt. Hughes



We're proud of you!
Mom, Dad, Beth, Ryan, Josh, Alli,
Grandpa, and Grandma

Way to go Ted, we love you!
All your friends and Fam





Cadet Ben Waterbury

Walking with the heart of a lion. You did it!
We are so proud of you.

With all our love,
Your Family and Friends!!

Hope Hackemeyer

It is not the critic who counts: not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles or where the doer of deeds could have done better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood, who strives valiantly, who errs and comes up short again and again, because there is no effort without error or shortcoming, but who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, who spends himself for a worthy cause; who, at the best, knows, in the end, the triumph of high achievement, and who, at the worst, if he fails, at least he fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who knew neither victory nor defeat.

- Theodore Roosevelt

... And so you did. You dared enter the arena ...



... You successfully entered "The Brotherhood of The Ring" ...



... And now you're entering a select group - you're an alumnus of VMI.

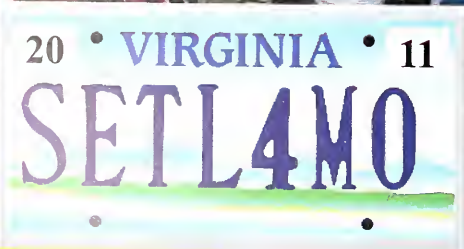


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says it all!



Congratulations Hope!

We're proud of you!

Mom & Grace
Rob & Dad



Scott Jones
VMI Class of 2012

Congratulations Scott on your achievements this year!! Way to go son! We're proud of you!

Mom and Dad



Cadet Adam R. Teufel

Adma,
Congratulations on a tremendous accomplishment- we're extremely proud of you and the class of 2013!

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Kristen



CONGRATULATIONS DANIEL

WE ARE VERY PROUD
OF YOU AND
KNOW YOU WILL
SUCCEED IN ALL YOU DO !

-LOVE MOM, DAD, AND
MATTHEW



Hunna Naff,
It was your destiny!
We are so proud
of you.
Love, Your Family



Alex Houser- Class of 2010



You have strived hard and attained much in your four years at VMI and are beginning the next part of your journey at VCOM. Always remember to allow God to guide your healing hands in the service of our country.



Congratulations 2010 ECEs

Doost	Ray
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George	Racheal
Doobie	Mike
Ty	Nick
Jared	Chris

Anthony J. Korbely IV
VMI Class of 2010

Congratulations!!! It's been a long tough four years, but you managed to persevere, and now you can live your dream!!! We are so very proud of you!
Love,
Mon, Dad, and Rebecca



Jorge:

We're so proud of the perseverance you showed in reaching for the stars and getting them.

Impossible is nothing.

Dad,
Mom &
Brothers





Jacob,
Congatulations on your graduation and commissioning. We are so proud of you and your many accomplisments at VMI.
Love,
Mom, Dad, and Family

Cadet John McNamara Curtis, Jr.



I press on toward
the goal to win
the prize for which
God has called me.
Philippians 3:14



Congratulations Jack!





We are so proud of you!
Love, Dad '79, Mom and Brooke



Born to be wild... VMI 2010

Leonard Weschler VMI Class of 2010



As you advanced from your 4th Grade goal to now . You have honored your grandparents and inspired all of your family. Continue to strive for noble goals, find joy in the journey and never forget we are with you.
Love Forever, Mom, Dad and Christopher



Davis R. Garrett
Class of 2010



"Nothing great has ever been achieved except by those who dared believe something inside them was superior to the circumstances."

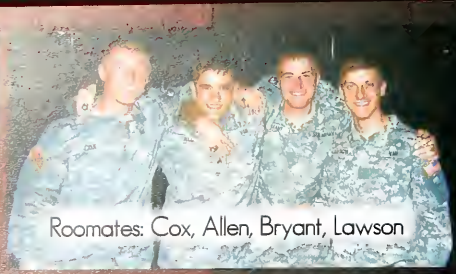
Davis,
We are so very proud of you!
Love,
Mom, Dad, and Holly





A Special Thanks to:
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Class of 2010







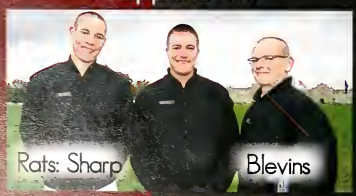




Love: Dad, Mom Audra, Grandma, Granddaddy & Grandmother.
In memory of Grandpa Gifford- Army
Philippians 4:13

















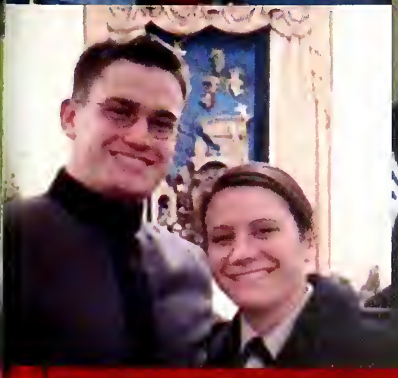












Congratulations to

2d Lt Brian M. Bopp

United States Air Force

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We're proud of you!

Love, Mom HBR '10, Dad,

Katie '08, Kristen &

Michael '10 + 10











Congratulations
David A. Pagett
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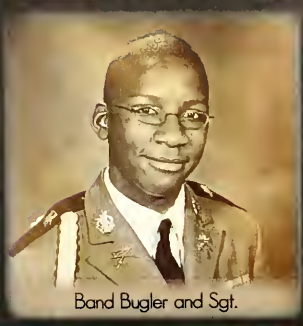
Band CO and Drum Major



Middle School Bravo Pvt.



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Band Bugler and Sgt.



Band Bugler, Drummer, and SFC

Son, I am so proud of you and all your accomplishments! My heart is filled with joy to see you reach this stage in your life. God has truly answered my prayers. Congratulations on your success. Love, Mom.



Band RAT



Band Cpl



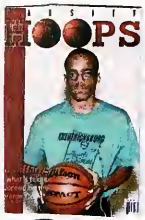
Band MSgt.



First Battalion Commander

Way to go Gent's you have just moved on from boys to men.
Now go make your mark in the world.
Love to all!








Congrats Owen! We love you!
Dad, JoAnn, Alex, Grammy & Ya-Ya






Shawn Alexander Fox

Congratulations! Let your faith give you courage and your determination give you strength to make a difference in this life. In everything you do, always remember the God who loves you, and know that we love you too.
We're so **PROUD** of **YOU**!

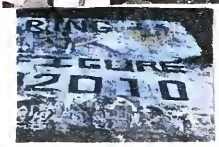
Love,
Mom, Dad, & Kara
Jeremiah 29:11-13




Congratulations son, you have indeed made us proud by your accomplishment and we know that there are many more to come. Go forth and conquer!
Love, Mom and Dad.

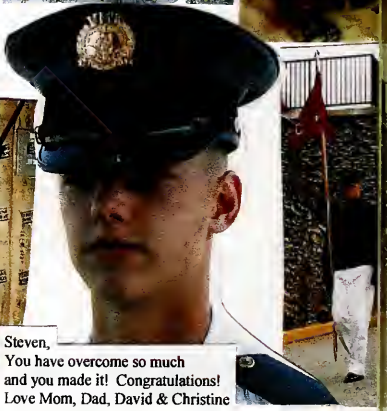












Robert-your life is beginning,
your future bright, potential endless…
We watched you grow over the past four years into a strong, considerate, dependable man with a future bound only by your imagination live you life to its fullest, chase your dreams and remember that we love you…Mom & Dad

Steven,
You have overcome so much and you made it! Congratulations!
Love Mom, Dad, David & Christine



Cadet Kyle V. Decker

Kyle - We knew you had it in you to survive the Rat line. We are so very proud of you!
Love, Mom

Good Going Kyle!
Caleigh

I miss you (chirp)!
Milly

Couldn't be prouder
Kyle, Great Breakout!
Love, Dad



Congratulations

Ronald Hilley

Class of 2013

We are so proud of you and the path you have chosen.
Keep up the good work!
We Love You!
Mom & Henry









Congratulations Cadet John S. Maurice & The Class of 2010

We are proud of you.

Love, Mom, Dad, and Hannah





To Ryan Crean and friends,
Congratulations on a great
four years. We're proud of you!
Love, Mom, Dad and Dan











Congratulations Brian, our thoughts and prayers go with you as youo embark on the next part of your life's journey. You have accomplished so much so far, and you have a very promising future ahead of you. We are so proud of you.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Matiasa, Erin, Larissa, Robbie, and Matthew





Cadet James T. Boatright III

From Rat, to the Brotherhood of the Ring...
You believed while others doubted.
You worked while others wished.
You smiled while others frowned.
You persisted while others quit.

The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way.
Psalms 37:23

Love,
Your Family

Chris Czupryna, 2010

Congratulations on your graduation from VMI.



Determined and diligent, open-minded and fair, strong, honest, intelligent.

You brought with you the seeds... VMI provided the ground in which you grew.

With love and pride, Mom, Dad, and Dan



Character is best formed in the stormy billows of the world.
- Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe









Cadet Lance Paul Long, II











We are so proud
of you.
Love, Mom,
Dad & Dylan





Class of
2010



Cadet Thomas Gregory Hamlin





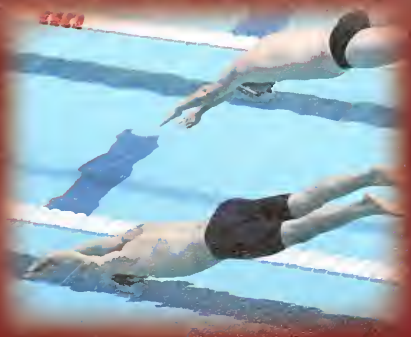


Your mission has been accomplished!

Congratulations on a job well done!

From your proud and loving family:
Mom & Dad, Nick, Amanda, Alexandra, & Monica

...have been carried here to ... heart is racing and my ... as I walk to the edge. I know there is no turning back once my feet have left the ledge. And in the rush, I hear a voice that's telling me it's time to take the leap of faith. So here I go I'm divin' in, I'm goin' deep, in over my head I wanna be...so sink or swim, I'm divin' in."



You are awesome Paul we are so proud of you!
Dad & Mom







"From watching you as a toddler trying to fly while bouncing in your airplane Johnny Jumper; to the early years of drawing planes with bombs dropping; to the teen years and playing air combat computer games; to the challenges you have faced and conquered while at VMI we are in awe. Now as a newly minted Air Force Second Lieutenant on your way to Flight School, the edges of the universe are your only limits. We love you and are so very proud of you as enter this next phase of your life. Gods Speed and Fair Winds as you prepare to soar with eagles. Our love always, Mom and Dad. (JJDK...)"

Raymond Andrew Kirchner

""Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, bu set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in faith and in purity." 1 Timothy 4:12







VMI Class of 2010

We are grateful for the steadfast character the Lord has developed in you. Your perseverance and your consistent desire to do what's right in the face of many obstacles is a testimony to all who know you. Congratulations to a young man who is greatly admired by his family.
We Love you!! Dad, Mom and Mary









A name is used
to distinguish
one from another.

Mitchell Karl Messick

Son, Brother, Uncle,
Boyfriend, Sibling, Soldier

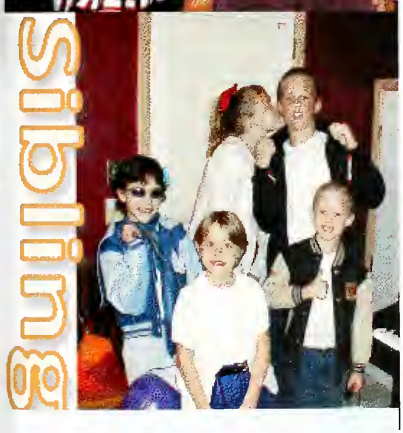
You are all of these
and more.

"But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint." Isaiah 40:31

May God keep you in the
palm of His hand!















Ring Figure
Class of 2011

Congratulations Terrance Green, Kai Ingram, Dennis James, Cam Rushton. Your Families are proud of all your accomplishments. Continue to give your best, and God be with you.

Congratulations

James Carideo

We could not be more proud of you!

Love,
Mom, Dad, & Tony



Class of 2010

Mathew T. Wright
2010

You chose the road less traveled and that has made all the difference. Congratulations, we are so proud of you!

Love,
Mom and Dad





Chase Matthew Bailey
Class of 2011



We are so proud of you Chaseman!

Love,
Dad, Mom, and Jordan
*Phil. 4:13

Congratulations to
Dirty 3-130
Jon Price
Uncle Wayne
Hunter Naff
Qill Quarles
Taylor/ Guy/ Rat

Congratulations to

VMI Class of 2013

You have all taken a journey together from Matriculation to Breakout. Continue to bond and form everlasting friendships and ideals that only VMI can instill in its cadets.

Congratulations to the Virginia Military Institute

Class of 2010

and

Welcome to the Old Corps!

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Congratulations 2010



You have reached your final Milestone here at V.M.I.

Congratulations 2011



You have joined the Brotherhood of the Ring

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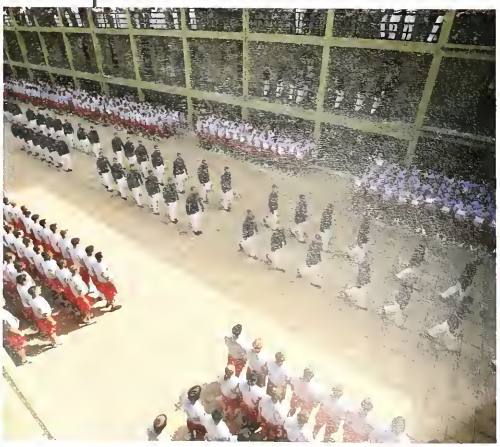
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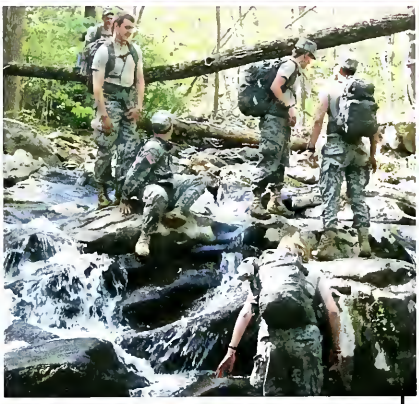




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2010-3 became 2013
During a blizzard
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247 members of the
Class of 2010
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the Institute

er 21, 2009
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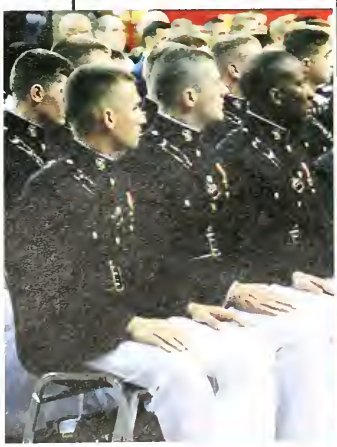
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Class of 2010
endures last day
of classes

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NUMBER

Throughout ones cadetship there are many opportunities to push the system, sometimes too far. This compilation of individual there are a few that stand out, like Thomas Chapman. He thought that it would be a wonderful idea to run through th receive a third this past year. Another noteworthy individual being Sloan Burns. If that name sounds familiar it is becaus ones during his cadetship. Although these two fine outstanding members of the class of 2010 have had their fair share o

NUMBER ONE CLUB MEMBERS:

EVAN FARLEY, WILL QUARLES, LOGAN BARNHILL, ED BURTON, HUNTER NAFF, SLOAN BURNS, THOMAS CHAPMAN, CHRIS MARTIN, REID SARTORI



ONE CLUB

did just that. All of which have either received Blue Book Number Ones or Alcohol Number Ones. Among the offenses courtyard after procuring a case of budweiser's finest. This being Mr. Chapman's second offense, he later went on to Mr. Burns is the Class of 2010 GC President. He himself being outdone by Mr. Chapman received two Alcohol number number one experience, this year the winner of the title "President of the Number One Club" is Cadet Mitchell Messick.



Mitchell K. Messick
President

Rules are made to be broken. And I have personally taken on this challenge when it comes to the supposed "dry campus" policy at VMI. My training process began with my Dykes. They taught me the ways of the battle and I will forever be indebted to them for that. The next step was to became acquaintances with the infamous Big Daddy. He would deliver you whatever you wanted, no questions asked. So at 19, and with big ambitions, copious handles of Aristocrat Vodka and Ciclon were purchased for consumption. It didn't take long for word to get out and second classmen were soon seeking my services. So there I am, a Rat, selling alcohol to seconds. This picture already does not look right. Well, a particularly frightening instance that involved Big Daddy, the police, and a construction site on a certain Ring Figure weekend saw an end to my trade practices. But then came the evening I received my first A1. To celebrate their graduation, a member of 2007 bought me and my co-dyke a bottle of tequila. In the Brother Rat spirit we decided to share it with the rest of our roommates. Personally, I was only able to enjoy about a shot of it as I was fervently filling out my Army scholarship application. Well my other roommate's co-dyke felt it time to go back to his room and happened to walk into Capt Blakey on his way out the door. The Captain swiftly entered the room, turned on the lights, and asked us what was going on. To my surprise, the bottle that had been placed underneath my rack was now laying on top of my bed leaning up against my pillow. Let me point out that I did not put it there; I had placed it discretely underneath my rack, thus hiding it from anyone who was standing in the front of the room. We... it didn't take long for Capt Blakey to find it laying there and he asked who's it was. This was the fun part: four guys in a room with one guaranteed a 5-16-60. One of the roommates was slated to be cadre the following year, another had taken the blame for our rat riot, and I really didn't know the fourth guy too well. So that left me. And hey, it was in fact I who had been given the bottle and it was I who had brought it up to the room. So I raised my hand and told him it was mine. We walked outside the room and Capt. Blakey told me he would not be giving me the special until I returned the following year. This would prevent me from receiving the likely amnesty that would be given by Governor Kaine, 2007's commencement speaker. He held up to his promise and it wasn't until the first weeks of third class year that I received my special for my alcohol offense committed at 0012 on 16 May 2007. One would think that alone would deter you from ever going near the stuff again in barracks. Well wrong. That instance taught me a very important lesson, situational awareness, you've got to be mindful of who you drink with. So where does the second offense come into play? Well to preface, it's particularly hard when you don't have a lot of money to be wasteful. So after waking from a night of partying and having one of those "I never want to see alcohol again" moments, the bold decision was made to bring the alcohol back to VMI, to be saved for another time. One thing led to another and the alcohol ended up in my hands. I was quick to hide it, not wanting anything to do with it while on Post. I figured I would stow it away until Spring Break and then bring it home with me then. I had the bottles in a trusted VMI Publications office, only to forget that I had put them there. One particularly boring night while playing playstation in the office next door, my gaming partner and I were disturbed by a knock on the door. I turned around to see that it was our publications advisor. I opened the door and he held up the bottles. He asked me if I knew who they belonged to and I told him they were mine. He just shook his head and walked away. I pleaded for him to let me dump them out or throw them away, but he kept on walking. Now, I'll take my punishment. I can acknowledge I was in the wrong. What I cannot accept is the search that was done on the office by our advisor, the individual looking out for our best interest. He had no reason to search the office, he had no reason to be in there at all. And the liquid was hidden such that he had to be snooping around to find it, this was not an instance where perhaps he was looking for a paper clip he was in there to search. And allow me to cite the Blue Book, the same book that the Commandant's Staff references to look up my penalty, the same book that sets the standard for how operations are to be conducted at VMI. Page 20, para 4 section C: "At least two Institute officials will be present while the search is conducted." Well wouldn't you know it was only one person, my own advisor, and he also happened to be on the Commandant's Staff. He broke the rules hoping to catch somebody breaking the rules. Maybe it's just me, but that sounds a little corrupt. If you consider the punishments from alcohol alone, that amounts to a total of 30 demerits, 8 months of confinement, and 120 hours marching with my rifle. So here's to my future members of the #1 Club: remember those who have drank before you as you pull your shade, unscrew your bottle, fix up your regalia, and take aim at [illegible]

Daily Life

At the Virginia

Cadet Without Academic Stars

0655 Wake up and Roll Hay

0700 Go to BRC

0730 Eat a wonderful meal in Crozet

0800-1600 Go to Class

1615- 1700 Play Video Games

1700-1808 Jump off the 4th Stoop into pile of hays



1810 SRC

1900-2200 Video Games

2300 Work on Paper Due Tomorrow

2330 Time to Go to Sleep

OF A CADET

Military Institute

Cadet With Academic Stars

0655 Go to Room in time to Roll Hay
0700 Go to BRC
0730 Go to Academic Building
0800-1600 Go to Class
1615-1808 Study
1810 SRC
1900-0130 Study
0135- 0650 Avoid Tac while studying in Nichols



LEADERS OF

Then and Now, a look





Karsten Bloomstrom

Regimental Commander



Barker Squire XO



Michael Kromm S-1





Daniel Welsh S-2



Paul Bowman S-3



Jon Winoker S-4





Elizabeth Dobbins S-5



Timothy Howard S-6







Even Rogers S-7

THE CORPS

back at RAT photos



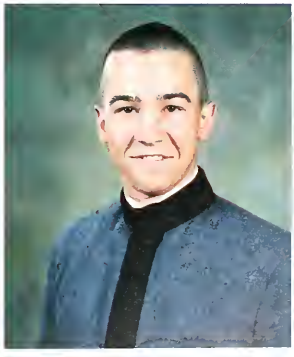


Sloan C. Burns
GC President



Bryant Youngblood
Vice President





Eddie Desch
Historian



Out

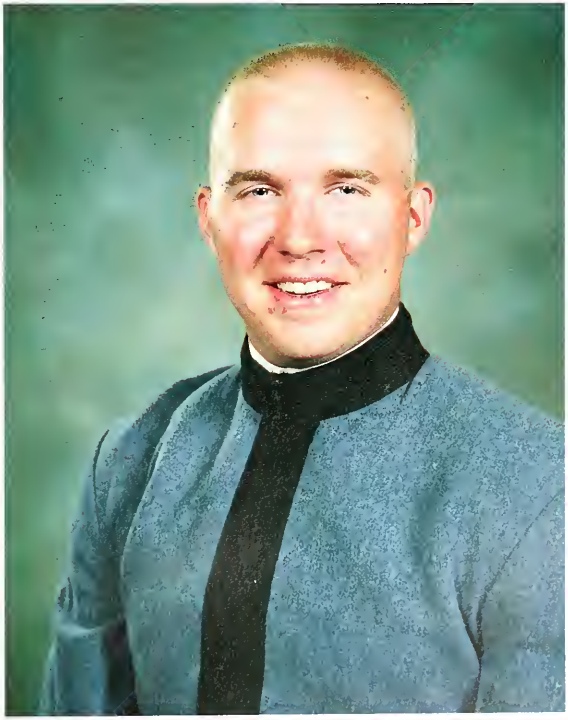
A compilation

ZUUUUUBBBBBERRRR!!! This is often the cal
you might hear after TAPS. But, do you know
what the original of this call is? With the grad-
uation of the great Class of 2010, the origin
fades. But through great research the origins
of this after TAPS call have been traced
back to one Bill Zuber. Bill matriculated with
the Class of 2010 but never finished up here
at the Institute. As a member of F-Troop he
lived in New Barracks during his stay at the
"I". As the ratline got monotonous the Troop
began to call his name after TAPS to ease
the boredom. The call continued even after

RAGE

of Cadet infamy

his absence to places unknown to VMI . Each year as a new class is formed in barracks they inevitably hear a fellow cadet call his name, ZUUUBBERRR! His name will live on in barracks. Below is a photo of the infamous Mr. Bill Zuber.



Out

Top 5 activities that VMI

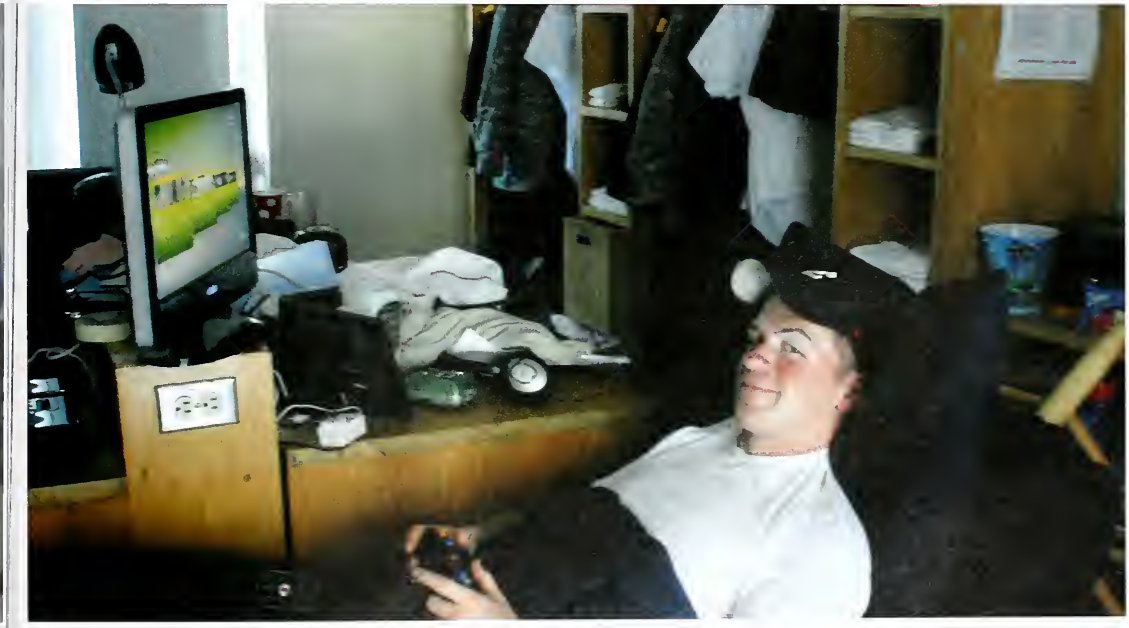
1.) Stoop Jumping



RAGE

cadets have done this year:

2.) Video Games



Out

Top 5 activities that VMI

3.) Tie Each Other Up



RAGE

cadets have done this year:

4.) Sleep



OUTRAGE

Top 5 activities that VMI cadets have done this year:

5.) Go To JMU



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From the Editor



Racheal E. Toman

Editor-In-Chief

When the Class of 2007•3 arrived at VMI on August 19, 2006, no one knew exactly what they were getting themselves into. Even those few, like myself who had been told everything that they should expect, had no clue of the events to come. They called my name, I cried, my mother, my father and my sister all cried as well, see apparently to them I wasn't going to college but off to some unknown place where I may or may not have survived. Soon the orders "Right Face" and "Forward March" were given. We marched away and into New Barracks to hear an ominous drum beat. That drum beat signified the beginning of our "Road Less Traveled." Eventually the Fall turned into winter and soon Breakout was upon us, the class of 2010. We marched, sprinted, worked out with sand bags and soon were pulling, as a rat mass, howitzers up Supe's Hill. Our dykes cheered us on, and made sure to let us know that we had finally made into the society of cadets that we had been working towards for six months.

Well, after the struggle of the ratline, 3rd and 2nd Class years, I definitely have survived. I made it through the heat of "Hell" Week, the cold of Break Out and 2010's fuzzy yet memorable Ring Figure and now as I conquer the "Real World" I am the one wondering whether I may or may not survive. VMI has prepared me for things like being a leader, and becoming an electrical engineer. Although those things are important I'll have to admit that in four years at the Institute I have been, most importantly, instilled with the courage and fortitude to do the right thing and speak up when there is something that needs to be said or corrected. VMI certainly has not taken all of the credit for my success. My family, to include my roommate and best friend, have helped me along the way. Without them I could not have done any of this in the first place. They encouraged me and pushed me to the next level. When I needed help doing pushups or homework, or even just a ear to listen I could talk to them. So thank you.

Finally , to my rats: I have tried to make my time here the best that it could of been, I hope and urge you to do the same. Jessica – I'm greatful that your Hell Week glare turned into a joke with a smile. Katie – You made it a long way from the start of "Hell Week", I'm proud of you and keep all of the good work up! Ashley – I'll never forget your hilarious remarks and fearless comments to the RUC. You always gave us in 170 a good laugh.

